

The Bethel News.

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DIRECTORY.

We are pleased to publish the following directory for the benefit of our citizens and visitors, and to insure correctness the News should be promptly notified when changes occur.

TOWN OFFICERS.

SELECTMEN.—S. B. Twitchell, C. E. Barker, West, F. J. Russell, Clerk, L. T. Barker; Treasurer, W. W. Hastings; Superintendent of Schools, E. C. Bowler; School Committee, Miss Jane Gibson, C. E. Valentine, Z. W. Bartlett, East; Town Agent, A. E. Herrick; Collector, H. H. Bean; Auditor, Calvin Bisbee.

MAIL SERVICE.

MAILS CLOSE.
Going East, 8:40 a. m.; 3:15 p. m.
Closed mail for Portland and Boston, 8 p. m.

MAILS ARRIVE.
From East, 10:50 a. m.; 4:50 p. m.
From West, 9:15 a. m.; 3:45 p. m.

CHURCHES.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL, Main street, Rev. W. B. Eldridge, Pastor. Sunday—Prayer meeting, 10 a. m.; Preaching service, 10:45 a. m.; Sunday school, 12 m.; Junior League, 3 p. m.; Epworth League, 6:16 p. m.; Prayer meeting, 7 p. m. Tuesday—Class meeting, 7:30 p. m. Friday—Prayer meeting, 7:30 p. m.

UNIVERSALIST, Church street, Rev. F. E. Barton, Pastor. Sunday—Preaching service, 10:45 a. m.; Sunday school, 12 m.; Y. P. C. U., 7 p. m. Tuesday—Prayer meeting, 7:30 p. m.

CONGREGATIONAL, Church street, Rev. Arthur Varley, Pastor. Sunday—Preaching service, 10:45 a. m.; Sunday school, 12 m.; Y. P. C. U., 7 p. m. Tuesday—Prayer meeting, 7:30 p. m.

UNION CHURCH, West Bethel, supplied by Rev. Arthur Varley and Rev. F. E. Barton. Sunday—Preaching, 2:30 p. m.; Sunday school, 3:30 p. m.

LIBRARY.

Public Library, Broad street. Open Wednesday, from 6 to 8 p. m.; Saturday, 4 to 8 p. m. Over 2000 volumes. Mrs. G. R. Wiley, President; Annie Frye, Secretary; Mrs. O. M. Mason, Treasurer; Mrs. L. T. Barker, Librarian.

FRATERNAL ORDERS.

BETHEL LODGE, No. 97, F. & A. M.—N. E. Richardson, W. M.; W. E. Abbott, S. W.; H. C. Rowe, J. W.; M. W. Chandler, Treas.; D. G. Lovejoy, Sec. Meets second Thursday of each month.

MR. ABRAHAM LODGE, I. O. O. F., No. 31—A. C. Frost, N. G.; E. S. Kilborn, V. G.; Chas. Mason, Rec. Sec.; C. C. Bryant, F. S.; S. I. French, Treas. Meets Saturday evenings.

SUNSET REBEKAH LODGE, I. O. O. F., No. 64—Mrs. Della Smith, N. G.; Miss Martha Gibson, V. G.; Miss Jane Gibson, R. S.; Mrs. W. D. Hastings, F. S.; Mrs. G. A. Burbank, Treas. Meets first and third Monday of each month.

BETHEL CHURCH, No. 56—John F. Howe, Master; Mrs. C. E. Valentine, Lecturer; J. S. Hutchins, Secretary. Meets Saturday afternoons, once in two weeks.

SUNBURY COL., No. 50, U. O. P. F.—J. C. Billings, Gov.; E. C. Park, Sec.; E. S. Kilborn, Treas. Meets the first and third Monday of each month.

BETHEL LODGE, No. 27, J. O. U. A. M.—F. J. Tyler, C.; S. A. Gibson, R. S.; John Yates, F. S.; Harry Jordan, Treas. Meets the second and fourth Tuesday in each month.

Brown Post, No. 84, G. A. R.—Ira Jordan, P. C.; A. M. True, Adj. Meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p. m.

Brown Post, W. R. C., No. 36—Mrs. Arvilla Morgan, Pres.; Mrs. C. S. Littlehale, Sec.; Miss E. E. Burnham, Treas. Meets the first and third Thursday of each month.

Bethel W. C. T. U.—Mrs. O. M. Mason, Pres.; Mrs. Arthur Varley, Vice Pres.; Mrs. F. S. Chandler, Sec.; Mrs. L. T. Barker, Treas. Meets Tuesday, once in two weeks.

CORPORATIONS.

Bethel Savings Bank.—S. B. Twitchell, Pres.; A. E. Herrick, Treas.

Bethel Chair Co.—J. H. Barrows, Pres. Calvin Bisbee, Treas.

Bethel Water Co.—Enoch Foster, Pres. A. E. Herrick, Treas.

Bethel Dairying Co.—W. E. Abbott, Manager.

Riverside Park Association.—C. M. Wormell, Pres.; E. C. Rowe, Treas.

SOCIAL SOCIETIES.

Ladies' Club, Congregational.—Pres., Mrs. A. E. Herrick; Vice Pres., Mrs. Gilbert Tuell; Sec., Miss Mary True; Treas., Mrs. F. B. Tuell. Meets Thursday afternoon.

Ladies' Circle, Universalist.—Mrs. L. A. Pratt, Pres.; Mrs. G. R. Wiley, Vice Pres.; Mrs. L. E. Hopkins, Sec.; Mrs. E. C. Rowe, Treas. Meets Wednesday afternoon.

Ladies' Church Aid Society, Methodist.—Mrs. H. C. Andrews, Pres.; Mrs. Cyrene Littlehale, Vice Pres.; Mrs. Calvin Bisbee, Treas.; Miss Bethel Morse, Sec.

Columbian Club.—Mrs. A. E. Herrick, Pres.; Miss Annie M. Frye, Sec.; Mrs. T. F. Hastings, Treas.

UNITED ORDER OF GOLDEN CROSS, No. 44—N. C. J. H. Barrows, W. T. Calvin Bisbee, F. K. O. R., S. W. Grover; K. of R., F. W. Bisbee.

House for Sale.

Anyone desiring to buy a small house in Bethel village, will do well to call at once on Dr. F. B. Tuell.

The LOCAL NEWS.

Items of Interest Picked Up About Town by the News Man.

Colds are quite prevalent.

Sunday's storm was a tough one. G. P. Bean was in So. Paris, Saturday.

R. W. Kilgore of Newry, was in our village, Friday.

Bethel lawyers attended court at So. Paris, last week.

S. B. Twitchell was in Norway, Friday, on business.

Harry Glidden of Auburn, is visiting at F. E. Bean's.

Mrs. Bert Young is in Norway visiting her mother who is ill.

Albert C. Eames is home from Denmark for a week's vacation.

The Eastern State Normal School Echo is being printed at the News office.

Mrs. Nancy Swan of South Bethel recently slipped and broke her wrist.

A daily mail route has been established between Bethel and Newry.

Porter Farwell and Z. W. Bartlett of East Bethel, were in our village Saturday.

George Goddard is home from New York where he has been for several months.

John Harris of Boston, is with his mother, the widow of the late Chas. H. Harris.

Chief Justice A. P. Wiswell was in town last Thursday, the guest of Judge A. E. Herrick.

A social and candy sale was held at the home of Mrs. H. C. Andrews last Thursday evening.

One pier of the bridge over the Androscoggin was carried away during the recent storm.

The Y. P. C. U. held a valentine social at the Universalist chapel, last Wednesday evening.

Miss Angie French of North Norway is spending a few days with her cousins in Bethel.

Mrs. Jane Davenport and daughter, Abbie, started last week for their home in South Dakota.

A social was given by the Junior Society of Christian Endeavor at Garland chapel, Friday evening.

George Plaisted, our local expressman, has been suffering from the past week, from the effects of a sprained ankle.

Mr. Fred Gorman was home for a few days on account of an accident to his hand, but returned to Hastings Monday.

The Ladies' Church Aid Society of the M. E. church will meet tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with Mrs. Ella Packard.

Chas. Stearns of Framingham, Mass., was in town last week attending his father, Edwin Stearns, who is seriously ill of dropsy.

Mr. Edgar Barker, well known to many of our Bethel people as formerly a telegraph operator here, is studying medicine in the Medical school in Vermont.

The members of Brown Post and their ladies, are requested to meet the ladies of Brown Corps at their Hall on Thursday evening Feb. 22, to help celebrate Lincoln's and Washington's birthday.

C. C. Hunt of Augusta and Henry M. Davis of Lewiston were in town last week setting up the gasoline engine for the Bethel Light Co. It is hoped we may have it in working trim in a few days now.

At a meeting of the members of the Oxford Bar at which Judge H. C. Davis of the municipal court presided, Hons. George D. Bisbee, John P. Swasey and Judge A. E. Herrick were appointed to draft resolutions on the death of Judge R. A. Frye.

Card of Thanks.

I wish to express my sincere and heartfelt thanks to my friends and neighbors for their kindness and assistance during the sickness and the death of my husband, and hope they may have the same sympathy manifested toward them in a like bereavement.

MRS. FETTA BURGESS.

Dr. Sturdivant has moved to Brunswick Maine.

Miss Percie Foster of Norway is visiting at C. O. Foster's.

Miss Alice Purington went to Bryant Pond Tuesday P. M.

T. H. Jewett has gone to Northern Aroostook, for a month's stay.

Mr. Copeland has returned from his trip to the eastern part of the state.

Ned Carter had the misfortune to lose one of his best horses recently.

Miss Flora Wheeler is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Wheeler.

W. H. Small, formerly of Bethel, is seriously ill at his home at Rumford Falls.

Miss Hattie Foster has returned from Lewiston, where she has been visiting friends.

Miss Angie Stearns went to No. Berwick, Thursday, where she will spend the winter.

The Ladies' Club will meet Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Newton Richardson.

Mrs. Harvey C. Philbrook and son, Wendell, are visiting Mrs. Philbrook's sister in Berlin, N. H.

Mrs. E. Jackson of Rumford Center, died at her home Monday and was buried to-day. Mrs. Jackson was an aunt of Mrs. Milton Penley of Bethel, and is survived by Mrs. Milton Chapman of Portland who is the only one remaining of a family of five.

Sewall Chapman of Waterford a former resident of Bethel, died at his home Monday, and was buried in the Mayville Cemetery this afternoon. Mr. Chapman was a brother to Mrs. Ebenezer Richardson who is the only one living of eight children.

Speaking of useful novelties, just step in and examine the revolving whip rack in E. H. Young's show window. In addition to its capacity for a gross of whips, there is a revolving shelf giving some twelve feet of convenient shelf-room. An excellent device for what it was designed.

The Federation of Clubs will be entertained by the Methodist Club in their church, on Saturday Feb. 24, the exercises to begin at 2 o'clock P. M. A pleasing program has been arranged and a delightful meeting is anticipated. Quotations and current events will be given.

Bridgton Academy Alumni Re-union

The Bridgton Academy Association of Portland and vicinity will hold its third re-union and banquet at Riverton, on Friday, March 16, 1900. All former students and friends of the institution are desired to attend, and help to make the gathering even more enjoyable than the two very successful meetings already held.

The usual arrangements for reduced rates on the railroads will be made. Special cars of the Portland Railroad Company will leave the head of Preble street at 3 and 6 p. m. If not convenient to go at either of these times, regular cars can be taken on the hours and half hours.

It is especially desired that as many as can, will go at 3 o'clock, as the social session before the banquet last year was one of the most enjoyable features of the occasion. It is also requested that as many as possible will attend the business meeting held at 6 o'clock. The banquet will be served at 6:45 p. m.

All who expect to attend are urged to notify George H. Babby, Sec. and Treas., Woodfords, Maine, at an early date.

Bowdoin Alumni Banquet.

The Bowdoin College alumni of Oxford county held their annual banquet at Norway, Monday night with Chief Justice Wiswell of the supreme court and Prof. Lee of Bowdoin as guests. Judge Herrick was elected president, and Frank Kimball of Norway, secretary.

Prize Speaking Contest.

On the evening of March 2, the annual Prize Speaking Contest of Gould's Academy will take place in Odeon Hall. The citizens of Bethel and even of surrounding towns, remember with pleasure the previous contests and no doubt eagerly look forward to what bids fair to be a most excellent evening's entertainment.

How can it be otherwise? The students who have been selected to take part in this feature of the school work, are putting their best endeavors with those of the skilled elocutionist, Miss Mayo, and enthusiasm added to enthusiasm, can but bring success. The efforts of the pupils in the first contest surprised both teachers and friends; last year's contest rightfully received many words of commendation, and all await with expectancy the efforts of the young ladies and gentlemen who will speak on the evening of March 2.

Each citizen should have a personal interest in our school which for so many years has been sending men and women to active fields of labor, well equipped for their life work. With the impetus which has been given the school by Prof. Hanscom and his able corps of teachers, each parent, and citizen as well, should heartily support every endeavor for the furtherance of school work.

In the onward march of progress, when history is making every day, when each week shows a deep knowledge of science, something more than the ordinary text book is needed for every branch of study and the students of any school to be familiar with the advancement made by the world at large, to be familiar with the topics of the day, must have access to a well supplied reading room. This, Gould's Academy has, and should continue to have; new books, and periodicals must constantly be added, and each townsman can contribute a mite towards a good supply for next year, by attending this Prize Speaking Contest, the proceeds of which are to be used for the reading room. Encourage the teachers and students, and make yourself happy by your attendance on the date named.

Prof. C. C. Spratt, principal of Bridgton Academy, A. D. Park, esq., of South Paris, and Rev. Caroline Angell of Norway, have consented to act as judges.

The program in full we expect to give next week. Tickets, 25 and 35 cents, will be on sale at King's jewelry store.

Peter Holt—A Native of Bethel.

Peter Holt, a venerable and worthy citizen died Wednesday morning at 3:30 o'clock at his home on Salem street. July 13, last, the old gentleman rounded out in full measure his 93rd year and was at that time the center figure in a family gathering which now gives to the relatives a pleasing recollection.

Mr. Holt was a native of Bethel, Me., and was the son of Timothy Holt and Nancy (Stevens) of Andover. Since the age of 21 years, Mr. Holt has resided in town and has seen most of the growth and life of the place. He was a carpenter by trade, and among other buildings on which he worked was the North Unitarian church. He also built his home about 55 years ago. His last illness continued only about two weeks and death was due alone to causes incident to age. Among the men of his time, Mr. Holt was one who had the courage of his convictions, and was honorable and upright in his dealings with his fellowmen. He died having won the respect of the substantial and worthy people of the community. The children who remain are Samuel F. Holt, Melrose; Mrs. Cogswell of town; Stephen Holt, Alton, Ill.; Mrs. W. G. Goldsmith, Andover; John C. Holt, Jamaica Plain; Peter Holt, Jr., and Charles Holt of town. He survived his wife (Louisa Wilson) of Newburyport, about nine years. The funeral services have been appointed for Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Townsman, Andover, Mass.

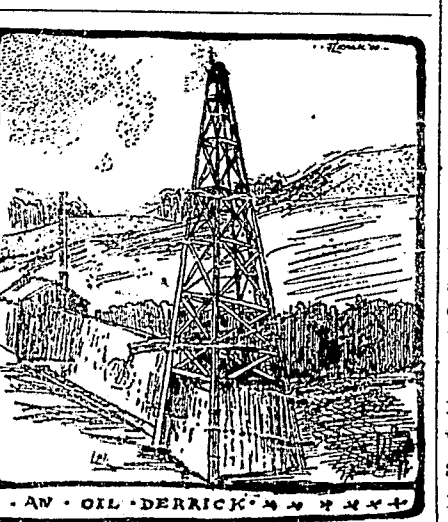
PETROLEUM AND GAS IN WEST VIRGINIA.

Perhaps it will be interesting to the readers of the Bethel News to know something of the oil and gas development in West Virginia, which at present is the leading state, in that industry.

We find in Tyler county the greatest natural gas well that the world has ever produced. Scientists and curiosity-seekers from all over the United States and foreign countries, have visited this wonderful phenomenon of nature, which when first drilled, sent forth a continual stream of gas into the heavens, with a roar that could be heard at a distance of thirty miles, and a power that literally shook the earth.

A great syndicate expended millions of dollars taming this raging monster and laying an enormous gas main to Philadelphia, where it now supplies fuel to thousands of homes and many great industrial plants.

The most important known deposits of oil and gas are found in a belt of land from fifty to seventy-five miles wide, extending in a southwestern direction across the entire State, but since new fields or pools are continually being discovered, the territory cannot be designated with any degree of accuracy.



When a paying field is found, towns spring up like mushrooms with all the features of western mining camps—gambling and fighting included. It is conservatively estimated that there are thirty thousand oil men in the State receiving an average salary of eighty dollars per month. Nearly every branch of mechanics is represented in the mining and marketing of petroleum, and some of the larger operating companies maintain independent plants for the manufacture of supplies, thus giving employment to hundreds of expert machinists and skilled operators.

The first step in the evolution of the oil well proper, is the construction of a seventy-two foot derrick crowned by a wheel or pulley, over which is passed a large cable and to this the drilling tools are attached. The well at the start, is usually about twelve inches in diameter, but as fast as it is drilled to a certain depth, casing or tubing is fitted in to prevent caving and as each new joint or string must go down inside of the preceding one, the hole gradually narrows down to about five inches. Some wells become "gushers" when drilled into the pay sand, and spurt a continuous stream for weeks at a time. Others require a dynamite shot before becoming producers.

In this event, a tin can containing several quarts of nitro-glycerine is lowered to the bottom of the well by means of a rope and there discharged. The force of the explosion loosens up the sand in all directions and thereby causes an influx of oil. This process is repeated at regular intervals.

Oil from flowing wells is secured by iron tanks, but as soon as possible, connection is made with a large main (pipe line) whence it is pumped to refineries on the seaboard by powerful engines. There are two distinct varieties of petroleum found in West Virginia—a heavy green oil near the surface, and a light yellow variety further down.

There are also five different pay sands that vary in depth from a few hundred to over three thousand feet. These pay sands are a whitish gray in color, but other-

wise have the same general character as ocean sands.

The average depth of the well is about two thousand feet, but they vary with the depth of the sands, and the cost is in the neighborhood of \$5,000—most of which is an entire loss in case oil is not found.

Since "dry holes" are often found within two hundred feet of flowing wells, the business of producing becomes a species of gambling in which colossal fortunes are made and lost in a very short time.

Thousands of dollars are spent every year in drilling "wild cat" wells, that is test wells in search of new deposits, and much more is annually "sunk in dry holes" within the limits of the fields proper, so treacherous is the nature of the pools.

J. HITE GARNER.

NOTES FROM COLORADO.

U. S. Grant Post and Relief Corps of Greeley recently held a joint installation. Masonic Hall was decorated with the national colors, and the arch over the platform was further decorated with wreaths of evergreen. The installation services of the Corps were carried out with much exactness, and were made more effective by the use of the new silk flags borne by the four color bearers.

The comrades, while giving due praise to the ladies, said that they no longer tried to do fine work at these services, because they had had enough drills in uniforms during the war, and were only too glad to remain in their citizen's clothing and do their work in a business-like manner.

Our Post numbers about 100 men, several of whom marched with Sherman to the sea. They are mostly prosperous men from nearly every northern state. The Soldiers' Home was established at Monte Vista in 1893.

The Past Department President of Colorado and Wyoming Relief Corps sends greetings to Brown Post and Corps of Bethel, and desires to say that she had the privilege of aiding through the 36 corps of this department, in furnishing this Soldiers' Home. Our Corps in response to circulars sent from headquarters, voted to each furnish a cot complete—that is, the larger corps. Two small corps furnished one together. These cots with mattress, pillows, blankets, sheets and pillow-cases, cost twenty-five dollars each. Rugs, cushions, and magazines were also sent. Wyoming Corps helped to furnish the Home in Wyoming, but there are not enough Corps in Wyoming to maintain a separate department. The Colorado Home now has 144 old soldiers within its walls.

The sad thing about it is, that there is no provisions made as yet for the accommodation of the wives of these infirm and crippled patriots, who need now more than ever their tender ministrations.

To quote from a recent visitor at the Home, "This great State of Colorado which possesses the requisites of an empire within itself has not yet provided its old soldiers and their wives with cottages in which to spend their declining days."

Dewey—our Admiral, did not need a Round Oak over in Manila. It was warm enough judging from all we read—but if he had he could have had one—no charge—freight paid. You may need one however—we have them—but the terms, while reasonable are different, because you are not in Manila. For sale by Hastings Bros.

Advertised Letters.

Letters for the following named parties may be found at the post office:

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WOMAN'S WORLD.

CHICAGO WOMAN PREACHER.

The Wife of Dr. Thomas Will Be His Associate in Church Work.
Mrs. Vandella Varnum Thomas, whose ordination to the ministry last Sunday was a local event of importance, has lived in town scarcely four months. As the wife of Dr. H. W. Thomas, the pastor of the People's church, Mrs. Thomas was interesting to a large number of Chicagoans. As the future associate of her husband in his gospel work she is destined to gain the attention of a still more extended circle. Mrs. Thomas speaks freely of her coming responsibilities as a helper in Dr. Thomas' calling.
"The scope of the work which Dr. Thomas has been carrying on for years



Mrs. VANDERLIA VARNUM THOMAS, promises to broaden greatly, so there will probably be plenty for us both to do. The movement which he has inaugurated, called the 'people's pulpit,' is calculated to open the way in all the cities and larger towns for the gospel of the larger life. Already a band of young, energetic and enthusiastic men are gathering about Dr. Thomas, and their efforts will do much toward spreading the work. This work has the sanction of the liberal congress, but the idea belongs to Dr. Thomas. Mrs. Thomas said she had dreaded very much her first sermon before her husband's congregation; that the dread was all the stronger in view of the fact that Dr. Thomas had not passed upon it. "You must give your own message in your own way," he said. As he seemed satisfied at its close I was also. Always before I got up to speak I am very nervous, but once on my feet I am all right. Even at home when I am preparing my work I think better if I get up and walk."—Chicago Times-Herald.

Courting Oom Paul's Nieces.
The Boer girl of the country districts of the South African Republic "is able to go to town only once or twice a year, and then it is to attend the natchmal or communion, which is the chief festival of these deeply religious people," writes Howard C. Hillegas of "The Boer Girl of South Africa," in Ladies' Home Journal. "The journey to the town is made in ox teams and may require a week's or a month's time, but it is always an epoch in a Boer girl's life, especially if she is about 16, when she is supposed to have attained the matrimonial age. Then some tall, rosy Boer youth, whom she has met at former natchmals, may summon enough courage to ask her whether he may call at her home and have an 'up sitting,' which is a sort of ultimatum before an ultimatum. If she consents, the Boer will shortly afterward ride on horseback many miles across the plain to the girl's home and will prove that he is worthy of her love by 'sitting up' and talking with her from sundown until break of day. For two young Boers to arrive at this period of courtship is equivalent to announcing the engagement, and then the prospective bride begins preparations for the wedding."

"After Long Years."
It is often said that if you put a thing away for seven years and bring it out again at the end of that time you will find it in fashion. At any rate, if it is not in fashion then put it away again and bring it out in another seven years. This is certainly the case with fringe, which is undoubtedly one of our most popular trimmings at the present time, and those who put it away seven years or more will be glad to bring it out again for use now. Fashionable overcoats edged with fringe are exceedingly graceful. If it has become discolored by being put away, have it dyed, when it will look like new.

A Devoted Couple.
Mrs. Grant Allen, who is completely prostrated by grief and the protracted anxiety of her husband's last illness, will remain for the present at the "croft," Hindhead, the charming residence built by her late husband. Mrs. Allen (nee Richards) was the second wife of the author and is the aunt of the enterprising young publisher, Grant Richards. Mr. and Mrs. Grant Allen were a very devoted couple and the attachment of this most domestic husband and wife was in startling contrast to the opinions expressed by the gifted writer in his novel "The Woman Who Did."

Roumania follows Russia's lead in the crusade against the corset. The minister of religion and education has issued a circular to principals of girls' schools, ordering them to forbid the wearing of corsets, as injurious to health.

Simple hats are often very effective. A stray shape, trimmed with drapery of tulle and a knot of black velvet, is sometimes more elegant in aspect than a far more elaborate creation.

Laundering Flannels in Winter.
To launder flannels in the winter is a science. Choose a sunny day when there is little moisture in the air and shake the flannels well to get out all the dust possible. Then make a lather out of soft, warm water by shaving white castle or other good soap; into water and letting it all melt. To this add two tablespoonfuls of ammonia or one of borax to a small tubful of suds. It should be quite warm, not hot. Draw the fabric up and down and squeeze it gently, never rubbing it either upon a board or with the hands. Neither should the garments be soaked in the water nor rubbed with soap. Soiled spots may be lightly rubbed with a small brush.

A second suds of the same temperature as the first must be at hand, in which the flannel is plunged after it is squeezed from the first. Proceed in the same manner as before and when cleansed throw into a rinsing water of the same temperature still. Should the article be of fine quality add a trifle of bluing to this water. Take pains to have the garment as dry as possible by squeezing gently. Now take hold of the hem of the garment and with energy snap it as dry as possible. It should be a snap, not a shake. It is surprising what an amount of water can thus be ejected. The garment is now half dried. Should it be freezing cold it will ruin the flannel to dry it out of doors. In this case or even if it is not a good drying day suspend it near heat in a room as dustless as possible. The more quickly it dries the better. Slow drying means fulling and stiffening the fabric.—Good House-keeping.

The Well Groomed Girl.
The American girl has taken with a vim to some of the newest and Frenchest fads in "grooming" introduced this season, some of them startling in their nature.

"A plain girl well groomed is far more chic and attractive than a beauty carelessly dressed." This is the proverb which hangs in the parlor of a well known "beauty doctor" in Fifth avenue. "Grooming" in one of the new dictionaries is described as "excessive cleanliness," but it is more than that, for it includes all sorts of training of the muscles, too exuberant curves and the cultivation of a certain healthful glow that in no way resembles the old cosmetic effect.

Now, like all good things which are liable to be overdone, Parisian ideas of grooming are creeping into our complexionists' shops, and we are threatened with a sort of renaissance in our beauty making.

Various famous Parisians have been trained to the part to such an extent that, regarding them merely as beautiful women, they present the most exquisite types, daintily refined in manner, dress and form, high bred to the finger tips, not through blood, but through this mysterious training which thus far has been possible only to the Parisians.

The Queen Threw Her Shoe.
"The recent farewell of the queen," said William Granby of London at the Fifth Avenue hotel recently, "to the regiment of highlanders ordered to South Africa from Balmoral has called to mind another leave taking of her majesty some 45 years ago.
"Together with Prince Albert she was reviewing the guards from Buckingham palace as they marched past just prior to starting for the Crimean campaign. As the superb regiment filed past, in memory of the old English idea of giving good luck the queen stooped down and, taking one of her shoes off her foot, impulsively threw it among the guards. Even their wonderful discipline was thrown to the winds for the time being, and a wild scramble for the trophy ensued. Who got it was never known, but he who carried that tiny satin shoe in his knapsack to that bloody campaign, it is safe to say, never returned, or it would have been heard of again. Probably some war-raider on one of the battlefields found it in the knapsack of the dead soldier who had secured it in the scramble and threw it aside as valueless without realizing or giving thought as to where it might have originally come from."—New York Tribune.

Souvenirs of College Life.
The college boy nowadays, or indeed the young man at home for that matter, is as eager to preserve the trophies and mementos of his social career as is his sister. A simple gift and one that is sure to please him may be made by the most inexperienced young sister or friend. This is a plaque or panel for his favors and trinkets.

Get a carpenter to prepare a smooth pine board not more than half an inch in thickness when ready for use. This may be cut in a plaque or in an oblong panel shape, with the upper end slightly pointed. It is then covered neatly with lightweight ladies' cloth of the college or favorite color of the recipient. Two screw rings are attached to the back through which the hang wire may be passed. In the face of the board are then inserted little brass screw hooks arranged either in even rows or irregularly.

The board is decorative in the young man's room, and its service is most convenient for all sorts of little trifles, favors and trinkets that he wants to keep and display.—New York Post.

The Queen of Sweden.
The queen of Sweden is described as a practical philanthropist. The work she does for her husband's people is done heartily, and although she is far from strong, she taxes her energies willingly in the cause of charity. The greatest work of the queen's life has been the building and fitting out of a hospital suitable for people of all grades of society. There are public and private wards, appointed more or less as patients are able and willing to pay

Facts for Women

Any article, whatever its merit, must be made known to the public by means of advertising. Advertising, however, though it can do much for a thing, cannot do everything. It may create a sale for a time, but in order to insure a lasting demand the thing advertised must have solid worth.

This is the case with Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. It has solid worth.

Women everywhere have learned this fact, and the result is that there is a lasting and absolutely unequalled demand for it. It has the largest sale of any remedy for female ills in the world, and this has been the case for years.

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Facts About the Good Being Done by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound in Cases of Change of Life, Bearing-Down Pains, Etc.

"I had falling, inflammation and ulceration of the womb; backache, bearing-down pains; was so weak and nervous that I could not do my own work; had sick headache, no appetite, numb spots on hands and feet cold all the time. I had good doctors, but none of them did me any good. Through the advice of a lady friend I began the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and after taking one bottle I felt greatly relieved, and by the time I had used several bottles was completely cured, so that I could do my work again. I am now passing through the change of life and using your Compound. It helps me wonderfully. I want every suffering woman to know what your medicine has done for me."—Mrs. W. M. BULL, New Palestine, Mo.

"Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound saved my life and gave back a loving mother to eleven children, which was more than any doctor could have done or any other medicine in the world. My trouble was child-bed fever. The third day after my babe was born I took a chill, which was followed by a high fever. I would perspire until my clothes were as wet as though dipped in a tub of water. The chills and fever kept up for three days. My daughter got me a bottle of your Compound. The fourth dose stopped the chills, and the fever also disappeared. My life was saved. My age at this critical time was forty-nine."—LYDIA E. BOVENIER, Etna, Pa.

Facts About Two Cases of Falling of the Uterus Recovered by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"I suffered for fifteen years without finding any relief. I tried doctors, but nothing seemed to do me any good. I had falling of the womb, leucorrhoea, pain in the back and head, and those bearing-down pains. One bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound did me so much good that I sent for four more, also two boxes of Liver Pills and one package of Sunbrite Wash. After using these I felt like a new woman."—Mrs. G. A. WINTER, Glidden, Ia., Box 220.

"I was suffering with falling of the womb, painful menstruation, headache, backache, pain in groins, extending into the limbs; also a terrible pain at left of womb. The pain in my back was dreadful during menstruation, and my head would ache until I was nearly crazy. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has given me great relief. I suffer no pain now, and I give your medicine all the praise."—Mrs. J. P. McSPADDER, Rosenberg, Tex.

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"I have taken eight bottles of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound with most gratifying results. I had been married four years and had two children. I was all run down, had falling of womb with all its distressing symptoms. I had doctored with a good physician, but I derived very little good from his treatment. After taking a few bottles of your medicine, I was able to do my work and nurse my seven-months-old babe. I recommend your medicine to every wife and mother. Had I time, I could write much more in its praise. I bid you Goodspeed in your good work."—Mrs. L. A. MORRIS, Welaka, Putnam Co., Fla.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM—When I commenced the use of your remedies I was very badly off. Every two weeks I was troubled with flowing spells which made me very weak. I had two of the best doctors, but they did not seem to help me. They said my trouble was caused from weakness and was nothing to worry about. I felt tired all the time; had no ambition. I was growing worse all the time until I began the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I am now able to help about the house, and am much improved in health."—Mrs. A. WALKER, Callicoon Depot, N. Y.

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TABLE ETIQUETTE.

How to Decorate, Place Dishes and Serve a Ceremonious Dinner.

The correct thing at a dinner party is to have the waiter enter the drawing room and announce in a low tone that "dinner is served," to light the dining room with white candles or lamps. Have part of the light come from above the table or from side brackets or branches on the wall and have colored shades for the candles on table. Have the tablecloth of plain white of very fine quality and ironed with perfect smoothness. Arrange the decorations of the table high enough for the guests to be able to see under or low enough for them to see over and use flowers of delicate and agreeable perfume or have a handsome dish of fruit alone for a centerpiece.

Place carafes of cut or engraved glass at each corner of the table and for a large dinner in the center also.

Remember that plain dishes well prepared are better liked by every one than elaborate dishes made without the requisite skill and to give things that are good of their kind and that go together harmoniously.

To have the service and attendance good remember to have thoroughly trained waiters, to have a waiter to every two guests, to place a card with the name of the guest upon it beside each plate at a ceremonious dinner, to use menu cards for public dinners, to place one to every two persons, to have a cover for each person accompanied by two large knives, a small silver knife and fork for fish, three large forks, a tablespoon for soup, a small oyster fork for eating raw oysters, a goblet for water and where wine is used to have glasses for claret, hock, champagne, sherry, etc., placed around the water goblet; to place the knives and oyster fork on the right and the other forks on the left of the plate.

Place a napkin, folded in some simple form, on the left side of each plate, place the glasses on the right of each plate, place extra and very delicate wineglasses, one for sherry or madeira and the others for claret or burgundy, on table with the dessert. Put the more ordinary wines on table first and the choicest brands with the dessert; put an individual saltcellar beside each plate. Begin the dinner with raw oysters or in summer small raw clams on the half shell, served on the regulation oyster plates, with a piece of lemon in the center. Serve one or two soups simultaneously after the oysters, a white and a clear soup. Serve fish after soup and then entrees, which are served in the first course after the fish. Then serve the roast after the entrees, then the roman punch (which is an entree, or dish coming after the roast in the second course), then the game and salad.

Serve salad either with the game or as a separate course, accompanied by cheese and bread and butter. Have the bread cut very thin. Serve some vegetables, as asparagus, sweet corn or macaroni, as courses by themselves. Serve the ices and sweet dishes after the salad and cheese, then the fruit, then the bonbons. Serve after dinner coffee, which should be strong and black, but not muddy, in diminutive cups, with tiny gold or silver coffee spoons.—Boston Globe.

How to Make Apple Meringue.
Pare, core and slice the apples; line a pudding dish, bottom and sides with lady fingers; fill in the space with sliced apples; separate three eggs; add to the yolks half a cupful of sugar; then add one pint of milk; pour this over the apples and bake in a moderate oven from 30 to 35 minutes. Make a meringue from the whites of the eggs; heap it on top of the pudding; dust thickly with sugar; return to the oven a moment to brown and serve cold.

How to Make Cream of Salmon Soup.
Remove the bones and skin from a half pound of salmon; chop it quite fine; put three cupfuls of milk in a double boiler; add to it a sprig of parsley, one-half of a small onion; cook these together for ten minutes. Heat one tablespoonful of butter; add to it one tablespoonful of flour; stir these until they are smooth; add gradually the milk that is in the double boiler; stirring constantly, pour back into the double boiler; add one teaspoonful of salt, a little pepper and the chopped salmon. Cook this for five minutes. When ready to serve, strain it through a very fine strainer.

How to Make Whiten Cream.
To one pint of thick cream add one-third of a cupful of sugar and the grated rind of one lemon. Put it in the double boiler; let cook until scalding hot; mix two level teaspoonfuls of rice flour in a little cold milk; add it to the scalding cream, stirring for two minutes. Cut sponge cake or arrange lady fingers on a glass dish. When the cream is cool, strain it over the cake.

How to Make Hot Pot.
Cut two pounds of cooked mutton into small pieces, pare and cut four medium sized potatoes into dice, mince two medium sized onions, put a layer of mutton in a baking dish, then a layer of potatoes, a sprinkling of salt, pepper, the minced onion and chopped parsley. Continue these alternate layers until the dish is full, peel and cut in thin slices two potatoes, add to the dish one quart of stock or water and lay the potato slices over the top. Bake in a moderate oven for two hours, or until the potatoes are tender. Serve in the same dish.

How to Scalloped Apples.
Pare and slice five sour, spicy apples, butter a pudding dish, put in a layer of apples, sprinkle with a tablespoonful of sugar and a teaspoonful of flour and bits of butter. Fill the dish in this manner, making three layers. Cover and bake one hour. To be eaten hot as a vegetable.

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WEDNESDAY, Feb. 21, 1900.

What does Cardinal Gibbons know about woman's suffrage, anyhow? He's only an old bachelor.

A southern poet has been singing about a dream that lay in his bosom. More likely it was a mince pie.

Mr. Cleveland may go on the New Jersey fish commission. If so, he will certainly improve the bait.

Not content with denouncing his platform, the New England papers are now finding fault with the fit of Mr. Bryan's clothes. Is this an instance of the higher criticism?

Rev. Mr. Sheldon will unquestionably insist that all the advertisements in the Topeka Capital shall be next to the purest sort of reading matter while he is in charge.

The editor of Life has offered a prize of \$50 for the person who can name the meanest city in the United States. Particulars must be recited. Now is the time to pay off old scores.

Washington has at last managed to persuade its car lines to maintain an all night service. People who have visited Washington will wonder what that city wants with an all night service when it regularly goes to bed at nine o'clock.

It pays the London dailies to tell all about the South African war, even if the news is not especially encouraging to their British readers. Wonderfully inflated are their circulations of late. A recent issue of the London Daily Mail has been handed to us this week and we note that its average daily circulation for the month of January was 1,223,860.

The greatest constitutional debate for thirty years is now in progress in the national House of Representatives. The immediate question is the revenue system of Puerto Rico, but the action taken will form a precedent for dealing with our colonies for all time. The issue has been squarely made between territories which are integral parts of the Union entitled to rights under the Constitution, and territory which lies entirely outside of it and can be governed altogether as Congress may direct.

The several States of the Union have forwarded to Washington an abstract of the fighting forces that could be mustered within their

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borders. Maine is among the number with an estimated force of 105,059 men available for military duty and goes to swell the total of 10,343,152 fighting soldiers, which the authorities have reason to believe could be raised for the defense of the country. Even when proper allowances are made the figures are awe-inspiring. An army of even eight millions of soldiers would be a tremendous fighting force.

Representative Littlefield of Maine, is having a very active part in the discussion of trust questions before the judiciary committee of the House. Chairman Ray of New York, regards Mr. Littlefield as one of the strong men of the House, and he has assigned a large number of the trust bills which have been introduced this session, to the sub-committee of which Mr. Littlefield is chairman. There is a disposition on the part of republicans to formulate some trust legislation at this session of Congress. It may possibly take the form of a constitutional amendment. At any rate, whatever is done, Mr. Littlefield will have no small part in formulating it before the House committee on judiciary. There are fifteen or sixteen bills in all, most of which are before Mr. Littlefield's sub-committee. Some of them are of a very impossible character, while others are very reasonable and have some merit to them. Mr. Littlefield and his sub-committee are now at work sifting out the good ideas from the bad and preparing to put them in form for presentation before the committee.—Lewiston Journal.

The Greatest Business of the World.

The growth of postage in this country is amazing. In 1800 there were 903 post-offices, 20,817 miles of mail routes, and revenues of \$280,804. To-day the post-offices number over 70,000. There are nearly half a million miles of mail routes, and to use the words of the President's message, "the expenditures and the revenues will much exceed one hundred million during the current year." The last Congress was obliged to increase the postal appropriation sixteen millions of dollars, and it is more than likely that the present Congress will have to add millions more to these extraordinary figures. The growth of the postal work goes on, and so far this year is ahead of all previous periods.

The postal service of the United States is the greatest business concern of the world. In the course of a year it handles from four to five billion pieces of matter—over fifty per cent, more than the postal service of Great Britain—about one hundred per cent, more than the postal service of Germany, and over one hundred per cent, more than the postal service of France. There are two reasons why it is not self supporting: It does an enormous business for its Government and its departments, and for Congress and the different branches of the service, for which it does not receive a penny. The franking privilege which was voted to the Presidents as an exceptional honor one hundred years ago is now exercised by thousands of congressmen and office holders, and the result is tens of thousands of tons of mail matter carried free.

But even with this gratuitous service the department might show a profit were it not for the fact that it loses a great deal of money on certain classes of mail which it carries. Mr. E. C. Madden, Third Assistant Postmaster-General, declares that a proper classification last year would have made an increase of fourteen million in the revenues of the department, and the President in his message stated that if the wrong exercise of the privilege of the pound rate could have been corrected there would have been last year, instead of a deficit of \$6,610,000, a surplus on one basis of \$17,637,570, and on another of \$5,733,830. Postmaster-General Smith places the loss on second-class matter at over \$30,000,000 a year. Thus we see that instead of losing money the department could be earning a very great profit.

NEW YORK TRIBUNE.

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"Old Home" Week in Maine.

At a meeting of the Pine Tree State Club of Boston, on January 18, the following resolution was presented and unanimously adopted:—

WHEREAS, the return of the sons and daughters of Maine now living outside the borders of the State to the old homes for a few days at least, would be both pleasant and profitable to all concerned through the renewal of old associations and the re-establishment of old ties of kinship and affection, and would advance the welfare of Maine by increasing the interest in the State among its citizens and among its former residents now scattered throughout the world, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Pine Tree State Club of Boston, representing 300 men of Maine birth, heartily approve of the plan for an Old Home Week in our native State, pledging ourselves both individually and as a body to contribute in such ways as we can to its success.

This resolution has since been adopted by many other clubs in Massachusetts, composed of natives of Maine, and concerted action is being taken to inaugurate next summer an "Old Home Week" in Maine, following New Hampshire's very successful example of last year.

At Portland, on Feb. 7, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

VOTED, That this meeting, composed of members of the Board of Trade, together with a committee appointed by the city government of Portland, is heartily in favor of the project for having an "Old Home Week" when all former residents of Maine and their descendants may visit and renew their acquaintance with the Pine Tree State. We will heartily co-operate with and assist to the best of our ability, in carrying out such a movement.

On Friday, Feb. 9, fifteen clubs, representing 2500 members, met at the Parker House, Boston, to make preliminary arrangements.

The date is an important consideration, as it is desirable to meet the wishes of the greatest number, and especially to accommodate those living in distant states. The question of recommending the particular week in July or August was referred to Samuel F. Hubbard and Wm. I. Cole, of Boston and Dr. C. H. Bangs of Lynn.

Child Thrift in France.

THRIFT is a habit which requires to be formed early. The boy or girl who does not realize the value of money is not likely to be prudent later in life. Like other habits, good or bad, thrift is contagious. The child who saves pennies instead of spending them, and is able to show a bank-book, arouses emulation in others. Whatever encourages children to save small sums of money, does good, not only by preventing immediate waste of money, but by creating among children a public sentiment favorable to thrift.

What is done in this country by voluntary organizations is done on a larger scale in France by the savings bank. The children of the common schools deposit with their teachers any sum of money they save, from a sou, which is about equal to an American cent, upward.

Once a month, agents of the savings banks go the round of the schools and collect the children's savings. He who deposits but a single sou receives a small bank-book; and when he has deposited a franc, he receives a large bank-book.

During the last seventeen years French boys and girls have opened more than half a million accounts in the savings banks. Many children, or their parents for them, deposit in an endowment fund, which is meant to give them a capital of from one to two thousand dollars when they are of age.

It is worth considering whether, in this country, some modification of the French plan is practicable, by which savings banks should co-operate with school teachers in promoting the habit of saving among children.

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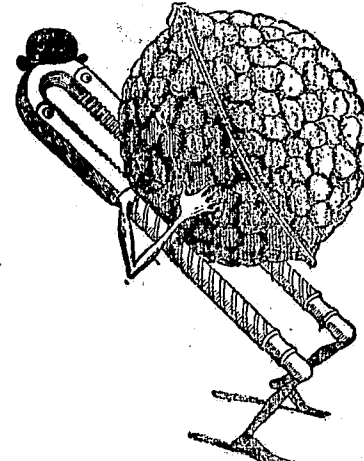
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in fine design

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NORWAY, ME.

THIS PAPER
ONE YEAR.

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5 Years.

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We want to get 500 new subscribers to our paper, and are going to do it if we can; we therefore continue our arrangement with the Farm Journal by which we can send the News one year and the Farm Journal five years, both for \$1.25. And we make the same offer to old subscribers who will pay all arrearages and one year in advance.

You know what our paper is, and the Farm Journal is a gem—practical, progressive—a clean, honest, useful paper—full of gumption, full of sunshine, with an immense circulation among the best people everywhere. You ought to take it.

"I think I would go crazy with pain were it not for Chamberlain's Pain Balm," writes Mr. W. H. Stapleton, Herminie, Pa. "I have been afflicted with rheumatism for several years and have tried remedies without number, but Pain Balm is the best medicine I have got hold of." One application relieves the pain.

For sale by G. R. Wiley, Bethel; A. S. Bean, W. Bethel; W. H. Crockett, NEWRY CORNER.

Mrs. J. R. Howard is quite ill. Such pretty valentines for little money.

And now we have a daily stage and mail.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Bean of Bethel have been visiting in our vicinity.

On the Sabbath Rev. O. L. Stone made an earnest appeal to the unconverted.

The last rains have made the Androscoggin crossing unsafe, so those who must reach the other side are obliged to go by the way of Bethel Hill.

Those of our young people who attended the school of Dwight Elliot, which closed last week, speak in most enthusiastic terms of their teacher.

The late rains have been causing much anxiety, lest Bear River open and thereby shut off the logging operations of those who must haul their timber across it.

Last Friday night at two o'clock we were aroused by Newell S. Goodwin of Andover, who was returning from Lewiston where he had been in successful pursuit of a stray horse, he reports some parts of the roads bare of snow, some wholly sheets of ice, and some good sleighing.

Lost. A class ring, bearing the letters X.C. and the class motto "Deeds not words" on the inside. Finder will be suitably rewarded by leaving same at the News office.

Not a Waste Sail

BUT

A WAIST SALE.

This is the Story:

We have a large assortment of Waists but some of the sizes in the lower priced goods are broken. To give a full line of popular priced goods we have marked down the better goods to take the place of cheaper.

1 Lot all wool Waists,

lined throughout, only \$1.00.

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front, cuffs and collar trimmed with soutache braid, a great bargain, only \$1.50

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Black Satin Waists,

in fine designs, only \$5.

Thomas Smiley,

NORWAY, ME.

WEST BETHEL.

"See the gloomy heavens,
And the silent hills;
How the forests quiver
On the pallid hills!
Epidemics rage now,
Colds get in the head,
Scores of people ailing—
Some are sick in bed."

Mrs. G. H. Goodnow went to Gorham, N. H., Saturday.

The snow-scraper passed over the roads here Tuesday.

The ice bridge across the Androscoggin was not broken by the thaw.

The rain of last week started water in many wells which had long been dry.

A blizzard has been raging for three days, and the snow is quite badly drifted in many places.

Charles H. Brackett has gone to Rumford Falls, and H. G. Mason takes his place as E. G. Wheeler's chore boy.

Mercury is continually bobbing up and down, and the best weather prophets cannot tell one day what the next day will be.

The rain of last week overflowed the roads leading to Albany and Mason, and all travel was stopped for a few days.

The youngest child and only son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert E. Mason was critically ill on Friday and Saturday, but is now thought to be out of danger.

Miss Flora J. Wheeler's winter term of school in Jefferson, N. H., has closed, and she came home on Saturday last to spend her vacation with her parents.

MIDDLE INTERVALE.

B. W. Kimball is hauling pressed hay.

A. M. Carter has been at home a short time.

Mr. Jackson of Rumford was here February 11.

Florence Kimball has some January chickens.

Anna Grey Kimball is at Rumford Center helping care for a sick woman.

Mr. Wm. Holt of Hanover was in this vicinity recently selling fish of a fine variety.

Mrs. Ladd and son who are in the Newell Annas house are disappointed and want to go back West to their former home.

Mrs. E. P. Kimball has received a beautiful likeness of her father, sent by her brother, S. G. Packard from Elmira, New York. Lovely frames for such pictures can be bought cheap at Mr. Bowlers.

GRAFTON.

Ernest Farrar has been hauling wood for George Muse.

Mrs. A. F. Brooks has been in Andover for a few days.

Mrs. S. E. Pratt entertained the Ladies' Circle last week.

E. I. Brown of Rumford Falls was in town a short time ago.

Blanche Pratt has gone to Errol N. H. to work for Bert Thurston.

"It is an ill wind that blows nobody some good," as is proved by the fact that although the rain of last week made the roads nearly impassable in places, it filled some of the wells that have had no water in them this winter.

NORTH ALBANY.

C. P. Pingree sold a good cow to John Hapgood last week.

Alanson Tyler is at work for Isaac Morrill at Bethel, in the mill.

Fred McLeod's teams were at W. Bethel at work and were not able to get home Saturday, on account of high water.

Mrs. Melita Pingree received a letter from her niece from Georgetown Mass. saying that her mother Mrs. Hannah Pingree, had fallen and broken her wrist.

The ponds and brooks rose so much in this section, it stopped all lumbering for the time being. Mr. Leighton was shut in camp, as the pond, on which his road is was flowed two or three feet deep.

Notice.

All persons are hereby cautioned against negotiating or having anything to do with one promissory note, dated June, 1893, at Grafton, given by one Julian Farrar to L. M. Blanchard, on two years' time, for the value of \$600, with credit of two partial payments, said note having been stolen by one James Sheriffs, and payment is hereby stopped on said note.

L. M. BLANCHARD.

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Blood and Nerve Remedy Conquers Disease.

Health, Strength, and Vigor Given to All by this Greatest of Spring Remedies.

There is no reason why every man and woman in the world should not live to a hale and hearty old age, with genial faces, sweet dispositions, and good health.

Yet, what is the story of Disease?

Wrecks—wrecks—wrecks—sometimes the noon mark has been reached. Young men and young women, haggard, useless, miserable, drop by the wayside, burdens to themselves and to their friends.

Rise up! Be strong! There is a way. Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy will make you new again—LITERALLY NEW. It is Nature's own nerve and blood medicine—invigorating—strengthening—vitalizing.

It brings back the snap and vigor of youth, restores confidence and energy—puts into a weary, desiring of life, and so invigorates the blood and nerves that life again plays a glad, merry song.

And this is a solemn fact, backed by thousands of those who were once wrecked and who are now well and strong.

Dr. Greene's Nervura cures nervous exhaustion, general debility, poor blood, weak stomach, and will be found the most strengthening, vitalizing, and invigorating spring medicine you have ever used.

Mrs. E. W. Huxton, 30 Reed Street, Chelsea, Mass., says: "I had a slight heart trouble caused from indigestion. I would have attacks of palpitation, was very nervous, and was very much worried. By the advice of friends, I began taking Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy, and at once felt better. The attacks of the heart trouble stopped, my food did not trouble me and I consider that Dr. Greene's Nervura has entirely cured my heart trouble, and gladly recommend this medicine to all."

Dr. Greene, 31 Temple Place, Boston, Mass., is the most successful specialist in curing nervous and chronic diseases. He has remedies for all forms of disease, and offers to give free consultation and advice, personally or by letter. You can tell or write your troubles to Dr. Greene, for all communications are confidential, and letters are answered in plain, sealed envelopes.

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BRYANT POND.

Miss Ida Carroll has returned to Portland.

Mrs. Emma Estes is spending a part of her vacation in Lewiston.

Miss Ola Swan is in Portland with her sister, Mrs. Frank Ford.

Mr. and Mrs. Jud. Bartlett and son were at Dr. Carroll's quite recently.

Mr. Ed. Andrews is moving his household goods into his rent over the store.

Miss Bryant's dress-making rooms are closed till the first week in March.

Mrs. E. E. Peverley recently visited friends in Portland, New Portland and Westbrook.

H. J. Libby's is the place to get the most for your money. Everything in the grocery line.

Mrs. Mabel Wyman Elliott of Rumford Falls, has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Wyman, and her sister, Mrs. J. E. Hathaway, while her husband attended court.

EAST BETHEL.

Mr. G. W. Tracy visited Norway last week.

Mr. George Mason goes to Rumford Falls every two weeks with butter, eggs, etc.

Mr. G. S. Bean, accompanied by Mr. Jos. White is at home from the Lakes for a few days.

Mr. Orlando Buck had a number of teams hauling pressed hay to Rumford Falls last week.

Z. W. Bartlett has a crew cutting pine timber for A. M. Carter on the land of J. M. Bartlett.

Mr. Porter Farwell loaded a car with pressed hay at Ledge Mills last week, to be shipped to Auburn.

Willis' mills have not been sawing for a few days. Mr. Willis is having a large brick furnace built in addition to the heating power.

WEST LOVELL.

Alonzo Lord and wife visited at J. C. Howard's in Stow last week.

Arthur Fox has been at home from school two weeks with a throat trouble.

A. K. Lord went to Rumford Falls after his wife, who has been caring for her daughter.

Oscar Kimball's family have been sick with colds. Mrs. George Hatch has been at work for them.

George H. Fox has gone to his Uncle John Fox's to do chores for a while, as his uncle is unable to get around much.

Blanche and Charlie Adams came down from Stoneham to see their sister Mrs. V. H. McAllister last Thursday.

Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away. To quit tobacco easily and forever, buy a bottle of Dr. J. C. Ayer's Sore Throat and Cough Cure. It is a sure cure for all throat troubles, and makes weak men strong. All druggists, 50c or \$1.00. Guaranteed. Booklet and sample free. Address: Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

UPTON.

H. S. Raymond's mill have been running the past week. The grist mill will run every Saturday if the water supply continues.

Mrs. Elma Lane who has been very sick, is improving. Her sister, Mrs. John Akers, of Errol, N. H., who has been staying with her went home last week.

The Metallic Island boat house blew down last week. The sides had been boarded and the rafters were on, but the roof was not covered. The timbers were badly damaged, even the sills being broken.

Water-Spout Mountain Farm.

Vere Bean has an addition to his family. A ten pound girl.

Mr. Emmons Verrill has rented his farm, and is now engaged in hauling lumber to the mill.

Mr. Edward Verrill's youngest daughter, Mrs. Covee, remains in a very feeble condition, the result of diphtheria.

Ira W. Bean has the agency for the great American Herb Co. Washington, D. C. The great blood purifier and liver regulator, Indian Herbs. Six months' treatment in each box. Cures all diseases arising from impure blood.

Rev. O. L. Stone and wife of Newry Corner, made us a short call last week, they had been to visit Mrs. Stone's grandmother, Mrs. Swan, who had fallen and broken her wrist a short time before.

G. R. Wiley, Bethel; A. S. Bean, W. Bethel; W. H. Crockett, Locke Mills; J. W. Bennett, Gilead; A. R. Small & Son, Bryant Pond guarantee every bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and will refund the money to any one who is not satisfied after using two-thirds of the contents. This is the best remedy in the world for la grippe, coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough and is pleasant and safe to take. It prevents any tendency of a cold to result in pneumonia. ndj

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SOUTH PARIS.

Court is now in session. The High school closes Friday of this week.

The Relief Corps will give a public dinner, town meeting day in the G. A. R. Hall.

The S. P. H. S. hold a sociable in the new Hall, Saturday night. A good time is expected.

Mr. John Murphy has moved his family into the rent vacated by Mr. C. E. Brett, on Maine Street.

Mr. A. C. Richard who has been ill for the past four weeks with rheumatic fever, was able to be moved to his home in Chelsea last Friday.

Evangelist Herbert L. Gale is holding a series of meetings in the Baptist church, which are very well attended. Special singing by Miss Hall of Boston.

Mrs. Helen M. Child, Mrs. Dora Witham, Mrs. Frank Maxim, Mrs. H. M. Bolster, and Mrs. O. G. Curtis attended the convention of the W. S. R. C. at Portland the 16 and 18.

The rain-storm of last Tuesday was one of the heaviest ever known at this season. The Park, Western Ave., and other low places in the village were flooded. Stony Brook rose with so great force as to break up the ice and flood the highway toward Buckfield making it impassable.

OXFORD.

Clem Poland is hauling timber for Kemp & Potter.

Mr. Frank Morse slipped on the ice and broke his leg one day last week.

Mr. Charlie Allen on Fore St. broke his leg while working in the woods recently.

Mrs. Dr. Haskell fell one day last week and injured her spine quite severely.

Mr. William N. Thomas fell on the ice and broke his hip, Thursday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Fuller and baby, returned home from Medford Mass., Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Chaplain attended the G. A. R. encampment held at Portland last week.

Russell & McNeal are doing a rushing business at their saw mill and have sawdust for sale by the carload.

Mr. A. L. Chaplain has taken the contract to cut and haul the hemlock and timber on the John P. Hall lot in East Oxford, and has several men cutting, and three teams hauling.

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For Sale.

A No. 6 twelve can cream tank, and cans, almost new. Also six good cows coming in this spring. Inquire of H. I. Egan, Albany, Me.

Ladies' Mahogany Desk.

\$12.50

buy this dainty desk direct from the manufacturer, freight paid, sent "on approval," to be returned at our expense if not the best. Ladies' Desk ever offered for the money. A dainty, useful, and wedding gift. The whole desk is of beautiful mahogany. It has well front and French legs. Small drawer inside and abundant pigeon-hole room. The writing slot is exceptionally broad and firm. Trimmings are all of solid brass.

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GEO. L. CHASE, President,
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CAPITAL PAID UP IN CASH, \$1,250,000 00

ASSETS, Dec. 31, 1899.
Real Estate owned by the Company, unnumbered, \$ 811,000 00
Loans on Bond and Mortgage, (first liens), 1,225,700 00
Stocks and Bonds owned by the company, Market Value, 7,989,673 39
Cash in the company's principal office and in Banks, and cash items, 604,627 42
Rents and Accrued Interest, 38,192 25
Premiums in due course of collection, 1,173,124 85
All other Assets, 47,464 08

Aggregate of all the admitted assets of the company at their actual value, \$11,002,538 02

LIABILITIES, Dec. 31, 1899.
Net amount of unpaid losses and claims, \$ 655,538 89
Amount required to safely reinsure all out standing risks, 5,286,799 02

Total amount of liabilities, except capital stock and net surplus, \$5,942,337 91
Capital actually paid up in cash, 1,250,000 00
Surplus beyond capital, 3,810,201 50

Aggregate amount of liabilities, including net surplus, \$11,002,538 02

FREELAND HOWE, Agent,

38w3 Norway, Maine.

NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE CO.,

of Hartford, Conn.

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1899.
Real Estate, \$ 363,451 53
Mortgage Loans, 735,040 00
Stocks and Bonds, 2,784 5 4 56
Cash in office and bank, 231,616 16
Agents' balances, 4,160 09
Uncollected Premiums, 344,388 81
All other assets, 1,23,015 50
Gross Assets, \$1,587,419 50
Deduct items not admitted, 36,130 04
Admitted Assets, \$1,551,289 55

LIABILITIES, DEC. 31, 1899.
Net Unpaid Losses, \$ 210 857 74
Unearned Premiums, 1,784,169 02
All other liabilities, 33,262 82

Total, \$2,078,329 58
Cash Capital, 1,000,000 00
Surplus over all liabilities, 1,472,654 97
Total liabilities and surplus, \$4,551,289 55

W. J. WHEELER & CO., Agents,

South Paris, Me.

Hamburg Bremen Fire Insurance Co.,

of Hamburg, Germany.

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1899.
Stocks and Bonds, \$1,301,987 50
Cash in office and bank, 73,231 56
Bills Receivable, 520 00
Agents' Balances, 4,015 82
Uncollected Premiums, 104,527 50
Gross Assets, \$1,543,692 42
Deduct items not admitted, 19 046 62
Admitted Assets, \$1,524,645 80

LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1899.
Net unpaid losses, \$ 123,810 00
Unearned Premiums, 855,899 12
Total, 979,709 12
Surplus over all liabilities, 544,836 68
Total liabilities and surplus, 1,524,545 80

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raphers furnished to business men. Free en-
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How to Bake Herrings.
Fillet some fresh herrings, sprinkle
them with a few drops of lemon juice
and brush them over with some melted
butter; then cover them thickly
with fine browned bread crumbs which
have been mixed with some chopped
parsley and seasoned with salt, black
pepper and a little nutmeg. Coat a
white china baking dish lightly with
dripping, place the fillets in it and let
them cook in a well heated oven for
from 20 to 30 minutes. The herrings
should be served in the dish in which
they are cooked.

How to Make Horse Radish Paste.
Mix thoroughly together one-half
cupful each of grated horse radish and
fresh butter, half teaspoonful each of
salt and sugar and two teaspoonfuls
of lemon juice. Spread upon circles
of brown bread, placing them together
in pairs.

To Cure Constipation Forever.
Take Cascarets Candy Cathartic, 10c or 25c.
If C. C. G. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

That Cough Hangs On

You have used all
sorts of cough reme-
dies but it does not
yield; it is too deep
seated. It may wear
itself out in time, but
it is more liable to
produce la grippe,
pneumonia or a seri-
ous throat affection.
You need something
that will give you
strength and build
up the body.

SCOTT'S EMULSION

will do this when everything
else fails. There is no doubt
about it. It nourishes,
strengthens, builds up
and makes the body strong and
healthy, not only to throw
off this hard cough, but to
fortify the system against
further attacks. If you are
run down or emaciated you
should certainly take this
nourishing food medicine.

See and try, all druggists.
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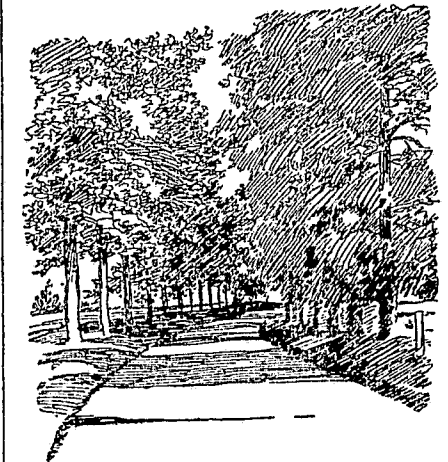
ROAD IMPROVEMENT.

FACTS SHOWING THE ECONOMY OF
HARD STONE HIGHWAYS.

**They Lessen Cost of Repairs and
Make Possible the Hauling of
Heavy Loads at Small Expense-In-
crease Value of Property.**

The principle of the good roads move-
ment, as advocated by the League of
American Wheelmen, is that the com-
mon roads of the country are as impor-
tant as the railway systems, the state-
ment being made by them and being
easily understood that there is not an
ounce of any commodity hauled over
the railroads that is not first transported
by wagons over country roads or
city streets. It does not matter if the
commodity is manufactured articles
that are loaded on cars at the factory.
The raw material has first to be hauled
to the factory. But the greatest haul-
ing is done in the farming districts,
and there it is that good highways are
most needed.

The subject has not been given the
attention and support it deserves as
yet for the simple reason that private
capital cannot become interested in
the building of common roads, since
there would be no income from the in-
vestment, such as there is in railways.
Municipal, county, state and the na-
tional governments have not had the
issue brought directly before them in
its full significance, because it is nec-
essary to first educate the people to the
necessities of the movement. This is



TYPICAL OF NEW JERSEY.

what is being done by the wheelmen
at the present time, and it must be said
to their credit that they have enlisted
the sympathy and support of all the
prominent farmers' organizations in
the movement. With the two classes
working together it is only a question
of time until the movement will be
made a political issue, and then will
come the desired improvements.

The argument offered in favor of the
improved roads is that they lessen the
cost of repairs, make it possible to haul
the largest amount of goods with the
smallest animal power, save time and
increase property valuations. No rail-
road company would expect to do busi-
ness if its tracks and roadbed were in
such condition as to make it either im-
possible to use the tracks at long sea-
sons of the year or in using them have
to lose a great deal of time and have
immense repairs to make, and yet that
is what the farmers and others using
the common roads are doing in a com-
parative way every day in the year.
They make the most impracticable
attempts at road building and repair-
ing and then wonder why there is no
profit in their products, which have
been hauled over bad roads at the
greatest expense. It has been estimat-
ed that in the states where the stone
roads have been built the cost of trans-
portation has been decreased to 20 per
cent of the former figures and that the
roads pay for themselves within a few
years. It has been further shown that
the amount lost in the different ways
mentioned will more than pay for the
building and repairs of these roads on
the annual assessments made for them
or that it costs no more each year to
have good roads than it does to have
bad ones.

COST OF BAD ROADS.

**Expense of Haulage Is Only a Por-
tion of the Actual Loss.**

As the road is a type of civilized so-
ciety it becomes the duty of every en-
lightened nation to solve the great
questions of road construction and
maintenance to its own satisfaction
and good. Rome's greatness marked
an era in road construction which was
never before surpassed and which has
been equaled only in the present cen-
tury and in the most civilized coun-
tries. The condition of the public
roads in the United States is probably
worse than in any other civilized coun-
try in the world. This condition is due
largely not only to the undeveloped
condition of the country and to the al-
lowing of local circumstances to deter-
mine location, etc., but to the lack of
knowledge on the part of many road
officials as to the primary principles of
road construction, resulting in the in-
judicious use of millions of dollars of
the public money annually.

Quoting an eminent authority, the in-
creased cost of haulage actually done
is by no means the only loss resulting
from bad roads. The loss of perish-
able products for want of access to
market, the failure to reach markets
when prices are good and the failure
to cultivate products which would be
marketable if markets were always
accessible add many millions to the
tax of bad roads, not to speak of the
detriments to social communication, ed-
ucation and religion.—Maurice O. Ed-
dridge.

Road Briefs.

An ounce of smooth road is worth a
pound of whipping the horse.

The farmer who is mired in the mud
up to his knees should be deeply inter-
ested in roads.

The improvement of a road should
depend upon something more than the
wind and the sun.

How to Make Fish Omelet.
Two eggs, four ounces of cold fish, a
teaspoonful of parsley, two ounces of
butter. Beat the yolks and whites of
the eggs separately, then together;
flake the fish; add the parsley and an
ounce of butter, broken into small
pieces. Mix these all together; put an
ounce of butter in an omelet pan; let
it melt, but not brown. Four in the
mixture; stir it with a spoon. The
minute the omelet commences to set
stop stirring, double the omelet, shake
and fry till it is a golden brown; turn
on to a very hot dish.

How to Clean White Coats.
Place some flour in a basin and put
it in the oven, turning it from time to
time until it is very hot, but not in the
least burned. Lay the pelisse or coat
on the table, take a handful of hot
flour and rub it well in. Continue in
this way till the coat is quite clean,
when it must be well shaken to rid it
of the flour and then well brushed with
a perfectly clean clothes brush.

How to Make Hollandaise Sauce.
Cream one-half of a cupful of butter.
Add the yolks of three eggs, beaten
one at a time, beating thoroughly with
the butter after each yolk is added.
Then add a little salt, a dash of cay-
enne pepper and juice of one-fourth of
a lemon, a little at a time. Just before
serving add one-fourth of a cupful of
boiling water. Place the bowl in a pan
of boiling water and stir the mixture
constantly until it becomes quite thick.
Remove and stir for one minute. If it
cooks too long, it will curdle.

How to Make Corned Beef Hash.
Two bowls of corned beef, four bowls
of boiled potatoes chopped fine, a dash
of pepper. Grease a baking dish; put
the hash in it to moisten with a cup of
water. Insert a knife all over the top
and put dots of butter in. Bake an
hour and a half.

An Editor's Life Saved by Cham-
berlain's Cough Remedy.

During the early part of October,
1896 I contracted a bad cold which
settled on my lungs and was neg-
lected until I feared that consump-
tion had appeared in an incipient
state. I was constantly coughing
and trying to expel something
which I could not. I became alarm-
ed and after giving the local doc-
tor a trial, bought a bottle of Cham-
berlain's Cough Remedy and the
result was immediate improve-
ment, and after I had used three
bottles my lungs were restored to
their healthy state.—B. S. Ed-
wards, Publisher of the Review,
Wyant, Ill.

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Locke Mills; J. W. Bennett, Gil-
ead; A. R. Small & Son, Bryant Pond.

Chinese Prayer Book.
The Chinese are not addicted to the
use of machinery, but they know some-
thing about labor saving devices. A
man who got so well acquainted with
a laundryman that he dropped into his
place to chat, one day noticed a queer
little pad of rice paper over his book.
Each sheet was inscribed with numer-
ous hieroglyphics, and the Celestial
was asked what it meant. He replied
that it was a prayer book and went on
to explain that he tore off a leaf every
night before going to bed, so as to ex-
pose a fresh supplication for the en-
suing day. Seeing that the American
was shocked, the Chinaman assured
him that the prayers were first class in
every particular and much better than
he could compose himself. He added
that these queer prayer books came
from Peking.

Wee Ones at Christmas Time.

Just before Christmas a little girl
was asked what she expected to find in
her stocking. She replied: "I am going
to ask Santa Claus to give me a doll's
head, 'cause Santa Claus will have so
many little girls to give whole dolls to
that he can't give 'em all what they
want. If he gives me a head, my ma
can make the rest."

A week before Christmas little Mar-
jory said to mamma, "Won't you please
hide Baby Bess till Christmas, 'cause
I'm makin her a present, an I'm 'fraid
she'll see it?"

Horse Race

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TO GET GOOD ROADS.

METHOD SUGGESTED FOR STATE OF
TENNESSEE.

**Issuance of Bonds and Collection of
Road Tax in Money—What Poor
Roads Cost Farmers—Daily Mails
and Free Delivery.**

Hon. C. L. Cooper, in a paper on
"Good Roads," read before the farm-
ers' institute at Shelbyville, after show-
ing that the present system of road-
making in vogue in Tennessee is pro-
ductive of no permanent results beyond
the expenditure of large sums of mon-
ey, says:

But how are we to have better roads?
In bulletin No. 1, issued in 1894 by Gen-
eral Stone, special agent in charge of road
inquiry in the United States, the road
laws of quite a number of states are
given, the most of them enacted within
the last decade. A striking similarity
exists among the more radical of these.
The leading features of these laws are
the election of road commissioners and
a civil engineer for each county, au-
thority to issue bonds and to borrow
money, the collection of all road taxes
in money and the abolition of road
overseer, while all of them are not
incorporated in any one law unless it
be that of New York. Our present law
imitates them only to the extent of pro-
viding for the election of a county com-
missioner. Were all the conditions propo-
sitions—and this includes good govern-
ment, both state and national—the in-
surance of bonds under the act already
alluded to for road improvement would
result in a speedier accomplishment of
the desired purpose than any other
method I can conceive of.

All our main thoroughfares should
be macadamized. But can it be done?
I believe it can. An aroused and en-
lightened public sentiment is wanted.
To illustrate: Suppose that the 440
miles of roads in Bedford county were
converted into pikes at a cost of \$400,-
000 and 5 per cent 20 year bonds were
issued and sold to pay for them, what
would be our annual interest charge?
Twenty thousand dollars. What would
we have to show for it? A county
system of roads unsurpassed in Amer-
ica. But what did we pay in 1889?
Twenty thousand two hundred and
ninety-four dollars and sixty-eight
cents. What did we have to show
as a result of the expenditure? The
same old mud roads, but little im-
proved.

Estimating the taxable property of
the county at \$5,000,000, a tax of 4
mills, or two-fifths of 1 per cent on the
dollar, would pay the annual interest.
But suppose we should undertake this
by installments, say one-quarter, or
110 miles at a time, that would reduce
the cost to one-quarter of the above
calculation. Or suppose we would un-
dertake to pike one-half, or 220 miles
of our roads, and these the most im-
portant and leading to our trade cen-
ters, leaving the other half to be look-
ed after by the official of the best gen-
eral road law, we can get them and in
that event our annual interest
charge would be \$10,000 a year, which
could be discharged by a road tax levy
of 2 mills on the dollar of our present
property, to say nothing of its in-
creased value or of the influx of capi-
tal that would be sure to seek invest-
ment in so desirable a locality.

What is said above is applicable to
all the surrounding counties, and I
may say to the entire state, Hamilton
county in east and Shelby county in
west Tennessee being examples. This
law is simply a permit to each county,
by authority of a two-thirds vote of the
entire vote of the county, to issue
bonds to the extent of 5 per cent of
all the taxable property for the pur-
pose of improving its roads in any
manner the people may think best or
desire.

As said above, it might be an im-
provement in the law to amend it so
as to require a majority vote instead
of two-thirds. This is democratic and
would certainly make the law more
available.

I have no means of knowing, neither
will the limits of this paper permit
me to more than allude to the losses
the farmers of Bedford county have
sustained for the lack of better trans-
portation facilities. These are con-
stant. I am sure, however, that the
losses on timber alone in the last two
years would amount to a very consid-
erable part of the money necessary to
make a system of good roads.

A farmer's products are worth to
him the market price minus the trans-
portation to market. Good roads would
reduce this expense and convert the re-
duction into profit. The better the
transportation facilities, the faster do
cities and trade centers increase in
wealth. The same is true of railroads.
The better the roads, the greater the
stimulus to production and the greater
the amount of freight furnished them
to handle.

So, from a financial standpoint, I can
conceive of no interest that would not
be benefited socially, educationally and
religiously. The benefit to the country
people would be incalculable. The tide
would change. The drift would be to
the country instead of to the towns
and cities. Daily mails and free deliv-
ery would soon follow. Prosperity
would abound, and peace, contentment
and happiness, as a benison, would rest
on all the people. This is a subject in
which we are all interested. It em-
braces both profit and pleasure.

Guideboards and Danger Signals.

Several divisions of the League of
American Wheelmen give special at-
tention to the erection of guideboards
on the traveled roads. In addition,
some of them will erect danger signals
at all steep or dangerous hills. These
signs are appreciated by wheelmen and
drivers alike, inasmuch as they furnish
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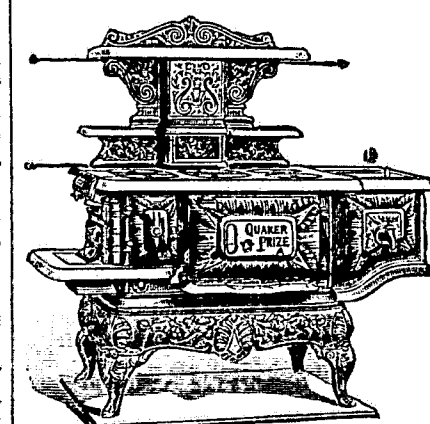
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Locke's Mills,	5.36	9.13
Bryant Pond,	5.45	9.21
South Paris,	6.17	9.53
Portland,	8.10	11.30

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	P. M.	A. M.
Portland,	6.00	1.30
South Paris,	7.58	3.38
Bryant Pond,	8.35	4.18
Locke's Mills,	8.45	4.27
BETHEL,	9.00	4.38
West Bethel,	9.10	4.46
Gilead,	9.24	4.59
Gorham,	10.00	5.42
Island Pond,	12.20	8.00

Sunday paper train leaves Portland going west at 8.30 a. m., South Paris 10.19, Bryant Pond 10.51, Locke's Mills 10.50, Bethel 10.10, West Bethel 11.20, Gilead 11.34, Gorham 12.00, arriving in Berlin 12.15.

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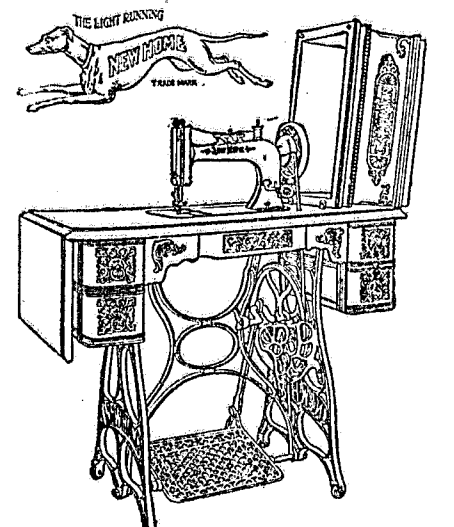
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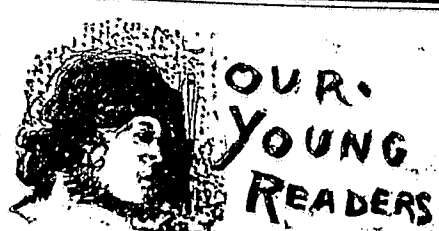
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Johnny has been riding on the English tracks for the firm of Duke & Wishard at a stipulated salary of \$15,000 a year. His success during the season was so remarkable that he



JOHNNY REIFF.

achieved great popularity and became as conspicuous in England as "Tod" Sloane did when he first entered upon his career across the water. Attention from royalty did not turn the little lad's head, and he entered an English school. With a chance of returning to America and making plenty of money on the winter tracks, he has done more than other jockeys in preferring to cultivate his mind. When he left his home in Wichita, Kan., two years ago, rather against his own wishes and without having had the advantages of more than a few winters in the public school, he was as ignorant of the ways and tricks of jockeys as he was lacking in education. He went because his brother, Lester Reiff, who had already won fame and fortune on the race track, wanted him to make the same attempt. Being a born jockey, he soon became the equal of his brother. He weighs 65 pounds.

The Busy Beaver.

We have all of us at some time or other watched a water rat (which is not a rat at all, as a matter of fact, and does not belong to the rodent tribe) at work at the side of some lake or stream. Very like him in his mode of working is the beaver, and it is little short of marvelous how a colony of these creatures will change the whole



A COLONY OF BEAVERS.

aspect of a riverside wood in less than a month's time. They will gnaw down large trees, set them afloat and then ingeniously push and drag them across a stream which they may wish, for certain purposes of their own, to dam up. The habitations they construct out of branches of trees, gnawed to a uniform length, are very extraordinary. With such skill in using their teeth on the trees, it is hardly needful to say that they are terribly destructive neighbors in young plantations, and they are trapped without mercy. Their skins are of some value and are largely used by English manufacturers—Chatter-

Mabel and the Fairy.

There was a frown on Mabel's fair forehead as she sat on the wide window sill, her geometry open before her. She had planned to go to school early that she might ask her teacher to help her with a problem. But the snow was falling fast, and she must wait until she could catch a ride. "Of course," she said petulantly, "I shall not be able to get there in time to ask professor's assistance, and I shall miss my lessons." "What troubles you,

dear?" asked the sweetest of little voices. Just outside the window pane stood a wee fairy. Mabel had read of fairies, but she had never seen one, and now she was so dazed that the fairy had to motion to her twice before she could make her raise the window. Mabel explained her difficulty, and the fairy, quietly saying, "Yes, dear, I have come to help you," began touching the refractory figures and letters with a tiny silver wand. Mabel looked on too fascinated to speak, for they at once began to take their proper places, and the hardest problem she had had lay worked out before her and proved. "Oh, I see it now," exclaimed Mabel, "and I thank you." "Say, Mabel, I'm going over to town, after all. If you want to ride as far as the school-house, get your things on quick." The big brother shut the door as suddenly as he had opened it, and Mabel turned to complete her sentence of thanks to the fairy. The little visitor was gone, but on the window sill, just where she had stood, lay a wonderfully large pure white snowflake.—Anna Quick.

The Answer.

He sat on my knee at evening,
The boy who is "half past three,"
And the clear blue eyes from his sun browned face
Smiled happily up to me.
I held him close as the twilight fell
And called him "my dear little son,"
Then I said: "I have wondered for many days
Where it is that my baby's gone."
"I'd a baby once in a long white gown,
Whom I rocked just as I do you;
His hair was soft as yellow silk,
And his eyes were like violets blue;
His little hands were like pink tipped flowers;
See, yours are so strong and brown.
He has slipped away and is lost, I fear;
Do you know where my baby's gone?"

Did my voice half break as the thoughts would come
Of the sweet and sacred days
When motherhood's first joys were mine?
Was a shade of regret on my face?
For close round my neck crept a sturdy arm,
And the boy who is "half past three,"
Said: "The baby, he went to Boyland.
And—didn't you know? He's here!"
—Ida R. Smith in Christian Register.

Smart, but Slangy.

There is a bright little page at the capitol who is undergoing his first experience as a wage earner. He is as sharp as a brier and quick at retort. The other night at dinner his sister and his mother were jollying the little fellow about the disposition of his first month's wages. His sister said that on pay day she intended to stick to him closer than a brother.

"No," said the mother; "on pay day you will see me walking down the avenue holding on to his arm!"
"Holding on to my leg, you mean," said the boy quick as a flash.—Washington Star.

Confident About Himself.

A father who was going away on business called his eldest little boy to him and said: "Johnny, while I'm away I want you to take great care of mother. I leave her in your charge." That night when Johnny knelt at his mother's knee saying his evening prayer he said as usual: "Please, Lord, bless grandmamma and take care of her, bless father and take care of him, but you needn't trouble about mother, because I'm going to take care of her."

A Famous Clock.

The famous clock in the Palais de Justice in Paris dates from 1370 and is the work of the celebrated De Vieux, whose turret clocks are the earliest on reliable record. The carved figures of Pity and Justice and the angels supporting the royal coat of arms were executed by Germaine Pilon. It is believed that it was the bell of this clock that rang the signal for the massacre of St. Bartholomew in 1572.

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The Secret of It.

"Where does the clerk of the weather store
The days that are sunny and fair?"
"In your soul is a room with a shining door,
And all of those days are there."
"Who does the clerk of the weather keep
The days that are dreary and blue?"
"In a second room of your soul they sleep,
And you have the keys of the two."
"And why are the days so often, I pray,
Filled full of clouds and of gloom?"
"Because you forget, at the break of day,
And open the dreary room."
—Amos R. Wells in St. Nicholas.

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You should have no trouble doing this, for ice can be cut very easily with a pocketknife. Perhaps it may be well to inform the uninitiated that a double convex lens is one which bulges on both sides—that is, it is shaped like figure 1. It gathers up the rays of sunlight and concentrates them against one spot, which is called the focus point. Ordinarily a lens is made of glass, but ice will perform the same feat if correctly shaped. First cut your ice into a flat piece a little thicker than and as round as a silver dollar. It might be well also to leave a long sliver on one side of the circular piece to serve for a handle. When you have cut out your flat circular piece,



LIGHTING A FIRE WITH ICE.

scrape down the edges, gradually working toward the center until you have rounded off both sides. A little practice will enable you to do this evenly, although you may waste or break two or three pieces of ice in the effort.

As you go along with the work of scraping put the round piece, or lens, in your mouth every few minutes. The heat of the mouth will not only polish the lens, but it will smooth away those extremely fine ridges or knife marks which might otherwise interfere with the concentration of the light. When your lens is finished, it should look like figure 2. By holding it a proper distance from a piece of paper, say about an inch, it presently will set the paper on fire.

Santa Claus' Origin.

Santa Claus is of German origin. This is true only because that is the Dutch name of St. Nicholas. That he is an old man is because in the ancient pagan feasts in celebration of the decay of the old year and the birth of the new an old man played the principal part. Among the Greeks and Romans it was Saturn, the father of all the gods, and among the Germans it was Thor, who was long bearded and white haired. The tradition of hoary age as appropriate for representation of the dying year was too strong to be driven away by the new figure of the Christ child, which was a feature of the early church observances. That the saint is St. Nicholas is due to the fact that that venerable personage's feast day was celebrated at about that period. St. Nicholas was a bishop of Myra, who flourished early in the fourth century. He is the patron saint of children and schoolboys, and hence it was natural that he should be a part of a celebration when the children received gifts and when they were allowed to be "heard as well as seen."

The practice of making presents on that day undoubtedly owes its origin to a general idea to carry into practice the Biblical mandate: "Peace on earth; good will to men." At first the great lords made presents to their retainers, and the season was marked by universal charity. By degrees the practice of Christmas giving spread until now everybody gives their friends presents.—New York Mail and Express.

A Kind Pony.

Tommy owned a very fine pony, which was very fond of him and would come from the paddock at the sound of his voice and follow him about like a dog.

One day the pony became lame and was kept in the stable. About this time a cat had a family of kittens on a ledge just above the pony's manger. She and the pony became great friends.

One morning, while jumping up to her kittens, she rolled off the ledge into the manger, injuring her foot so that she could scarcely crawl along to obtain her food at the house. When she came back, she was unable to get up to her kittens, so she lay down at the pony's feet and meowed and looked up piteously several times. At last the pony, seeming to understand what she wanted, reached down, took the cat gently in his teeth and lifted her up to the ledge to her kittens. This was repeated morning after morning. The cat would roll off into the manger, go and get her breakfast, come back and be lifted up to her family.

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with fine browned bread crumbs which
have been mixed with some chopped
parsley and seasoned with salt, black
pepper and a little nutmeg. Coat a
white china baking dish lightly with
dripping, place the fillets in it and let
them cook in a well heated oven for
from 20 to 30 minutes. The herrings
should be served in the dish in which
they are cooked.

How to Make Horse Radish Paste.
Mix thoroughly together one-half
cupful each of grated horse radish and
fresh butter, half teaspoonful each of
salt and sugar and two teaspoonfuls
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ROAD IMPROVEMENT.

FACTS SHOWING THE ECONOMY OF
HARD STONE HIGHWAYS.

**They Lessen Cost of Repairs and
Make Possible the Hauling of
Heavy Loads at Small Expense-In-
crease Value of Property.**

The principle of the good roads movement, as advocated by the League of American Wheelmen, is that the common roads of the country are as important as the railway systems, the statement being made by them and being easily understood that there is not an ounce of any commodity hauled over the railroads that is not first transported by wagons over country roads or city streets. It does not matter if the commodity is manufactured articles that are loaded on cars at the factory. The raw material has first to be hauled to the factory. But the greatest hauling is done in the farming districts, and there it is that good highways are most needed.

The subject has not been given the attention and support it deserves as yet for the simple reason that private capital cannot become interested in the building of common roads, since there would be no income from the investment, such as there is in railways. Municipal, county, state and the national governments have not had the issue brought directly before them in its full significance, because it is necessary to first educate the people to the necessities of the movement. This is



TYPICAL OF NEW JERSEY.

what is being done by the wheelmen at the present time, and it must be said to their credit that they have enlisted the sympathy and support of all the prominent farmers' organizations in the movement. With the two classes working together it is only a question of time until the movement will be made a political issue, and then will come the desired improvements.

The argument offered in favor of the improved roads is that they lessen the cost of repairs, make it possible to haul the largest amount of goods with the smallest animal power, save time and increase property valuations. No railroad company would expect to do business if its tracks and roadbed were in such condition as to make it either impossible to use the tracks at long seasons of the year or in using them have to lose a great deal of time and have immense repairs to make, and yet that is what the farmers and others using the common roads are doing in a comparative way every day in the year.

They make the most impracticable attempts at road building and repaving and then wonder why there is no profit in their products, which have been hauled over bad roads at the greatest expense. It has been estimated that in the states where the stone roads have been built the cost of transportation has been decreased to 20 per cent of the former figures and that the roads pay for themselves within a few years. It has been further shown that the amount lost in the different ways mentioned will more than pay for the building and repairs of these roads on the annual assessments made for them or that it costs no more each year to have good roads than it does to have bad ones.

COST OF BAD ROADS.

Expense of Hauling Is Only a Portion of the Actual Loss.

As the road is a type of civilized society it becomes the duty of every enlightened nation to solve the great questions of road construction and maintenance to its own satisfaction and good. Rome's greatness marked an era in road construction which was never before surpassed and which has been equaled only in the present century and in the most civilized countries. The condition of the public roads in the United States is probably worse than in any other civilized country in the world. This condition is due largely not only to the undeveloped condition of the country and to the allowing of local circumstances to determine location, etc., but to the lack of knowledge on the part of many road officials as to the primary principles of road construction, resulting in the injudicious use of millions of dollars of the public money annually.

Quoting an eminent authority, the increased cost of haulage actually done is by no means the only loss resulting from bad roads. The loss of perishable products for want of access to market, the failure to reach markets when prices are good and the failure to cultivate products which would be marketable if markets were always accessible add many millions to the tax of bad roads, not to speak of the detriment to social communication, education and religion.—Maurice O. Bridg.

Road Briefs.

An ounce of smooth road is worth a pound of whipping the horse.

The farmer who is mired in the mud up to his knees should be deeply interested in roads.

The improvement of a road should depend upon something more than the wind and the sun.

How to Make Fish Omelet.

Two eggs, four ounces of cold fish, a teaspoonful of parsley, two ounces of butter. Beat the yolks and whites of the eggs separately, then together; flake the fish; add the parsley and an ounce of butter, broken into small pieces. Mix these all together; put an ounce of butter in an omelet pan; let it melt, but not brown. Pour in the mixture; stir it with a spoon. The minute the omelet commences to set stop stirring, double the omelet, shake and fry till it is a golden brown; turn on to a very hot dish.

How to Clean White Coats.

Place some flour in a basin and put it in the oven, turning it from time to time until it is very hot, but not in the least burned. Lay the pelisse or coat on the table, take a handful of hot flour and rub it well in. Continue in this way till the coat is quite clean, when it must be well shaken to rid it of the flour and then well brushed with a perfectly clean clothes brush.

How to Make Hollandaise Sauce.

Cream one-half of a cupful of butter. Add the yolks of three eggs, beaten one at a time, beating thoroughly with the butter after each yolk is added. Then add a little salt, a dash of cayenne pepper and juice of one-fourth of a lemon, a little at a time. Just before serving add one-fourth of a cupful of boiling water. Place the bowl in a pan of boiling water and stir the mixture constantly until it becomes quite thick. Remove and stir for one minute. If it cooks too long, it will curdle.

How to Make Corned Beef Hash.

Two bowls of corned beef, four bowls of boiled potatoes chopped fine, a dash of pepper. Grease a baking dish; put the hash in it to moisten with a cup of water. Insert a knife all over the top and put dots of butter in. Bake an hour and a half.

An Editor's Life Saved by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

During the early part of October, 1896 I contracted a bad cold which settled on my lungs and was neglected until I feared that consumption had appeared in an incipient state. I was constantly coughing and trying to expel something which I could not. I became alarmed and after giving the local doctor a trial, bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and the result was immediate improvement, and after I had used three bottles my lungs were restored to their healthy state.—B. S. Edwards, Publisher of the Review, Wyant, Ill.

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Chinese Prayer Book.

The Chinese are not addicted to the use of machinery, but they know something about labor saving devices. A man who got so well acquainted with a laundryman that he dropped into his place to chat, one day noticed a queer little pad of rice paper over his bunk. Each sheet was inscribed with numerous hieroglyphics, and the Celestial was asked what it meant. He replied that it was a prayer book and went on to explain that he tore off a leaf every night before going to bed, so as to expose a fresh supplication for the ensuing day. Seeing that the American was shocked, the Chinaman assured him that the prayers were first class in every particular and much better than he could compose himself. He added that these queer prayer books came from Peking.

Wee Ones at Christmas Time.

Just before Christmas a little girl was asked what she expected to find in her stocking. She replied: "I am going to ask Santa Claus to give me a doll's head, 'cause Santa Claus will have so many little girls to give whole dolls to that he can't give 'em all what they want. If he gives me a head, my ma can make the rest."

A week before Christmas little Marjory said to mamma, "Won't you please hide Baby Bess till Christmas, 'cause I'm makin her a present, an I'm 'fraid she'll see it?"

Horse Race

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TO GET GOOD ROADS.

METHOD SUGGESTED FOR STATE OF
TENNESSEE.

Issuance of Bonds and Collection of Road Tax in Money—What Poor Roads Cost Farmers—Daily Mail and Free Delivery.

Hon. C. L. Cooper, in a paper on "Good Roads," read before the farmers' institute at Shelbyville, after showing that the present system of road-making in vogue in Tennessee is productive of no permanent results beyond the expenditure of large sums of money, says:

But how are we to have better roads? In bulletin No. 1, issued in 1894 by General Stone, special agent in charge of road inquiry in the United States, the road laws of quite a number of states are given, the most of them enacted within the last decade. A striking similarity exists among the more radical of these. The leading features of these laws are the election of road commissioners and a civil engineer for each county, authority to issue bonds and to borrow money, the collection of all road taxes in money and the abolition of road overseer, while all of them are not incorporated in any one law unless it be that of New York. Our present law imitates them only to the extent of providing for the election of a county commissioner. Were all the conditions propitious—and this includes good government, both state and national—the issuance of bonds under the act already alluded to for road improvement would result in a speedier accomplishment of the desired purpose than any other method I can conceive of.

All our main thoroughfares should be macadamized. But can it be done? I believe it can. An aroused and enlightened public sentiment is wanted. To illustrate: Suppose that the 440 miles of roads in Bedford county were converted into pikes at a cost of \$400,000 and 5 per cent 20 year bonds were issued and sold to pay for them, what would be our annual interest charge? Twenty thousand dollars. What would we have to show for it? A county system of roads unsurpassed in America. But what did we pay in 1889? Twenty thousand two hundred and ninety-four dollars and sixty-eight cents. What did we have to show as a result of the expenditure? The same old mud roads, but little improved.

Estimating the taxable property of the county at \$5,000,000, a tax of 4 mills, or two-fifths of 1 per cent on the dollar, would pay the annual interest. But suppose we should undertake this by installments, say one-quarter, or 110 miles at a time, that would reduce the cost to one-quarter of the above calculation. Or suppose we would undertake to pike one-half, or 220 miles of our roads, and these the most important and leading to our trade centers, leaving the other half to be looked after by the official of the best general road law, we can get them and in that event our annual interest charge would be \$10,000 a year, which could be discharged by a road tax levy of 2 mills on the dollar of our present property, to say nothing of its increased value or of the influx of capital that would be sure to seek investment in so desirable a locality.

What is said above is applicable to all the surrounding counties, and I may say to the entire state, Hamilton county in east and Shelby county in west Tennessee being examples. This law is simply a permit to each county, by authority of a two-thirds vote of the entire vote of the county, to issue bonds to the extent of 5 per cent of all the taxable property for the purpose of improving its roads in any manner the people may think best or desire.

As said above, it might be an improvement in the law to amend it so as to require a majority vote instead of two-thirds. This is democratic and would certainly make the law more available.

I have no means of knowing, neither will the limits of this paper permit me to more than allude to the losses the farmers of Bedford county have sustained for the lack of better transportation facilities. These are constant. I am sure, however, that the losses on timber alone in the last two years would amount to a very considerable part of the money necessary to make a system of good roads.

A farmer's products are worth to him the market price minus the transportation to market. Good roads would reduce this expense and convert the reduction into profit. The better the transportation facilities, the faster do cities and trade centers increase in wealth. The same is true of railroads. The better the roads, the greater the stimulus to production and the greater the amount of freight furnished them to handle.

So, from a financial standpoint, I can conceive of no interest that would not be benefited socially, educationally and religiously. The benefit to the country people would be incalculable. The tide would change. The drift would be to the country instead of to the towns and cities. Daily mails and free delivery would soon follow. Prosperity would abound, and peace, contentment and happiness, as a benison, would rest on all the people. This is a subject in which we are all interested. It embraces both profit and pleasure.

Guideboards and Danger Signals.

Several divisions of the League of American Wheelmen give special attention to the erection of guideboards on the traveled roads. In addition, some of them will erect danger signals at all steep or dangerous hills. These signs are appreciated by wheelmen and drivers alike, inasmuch as they furnish desired information and thus expedite travel.

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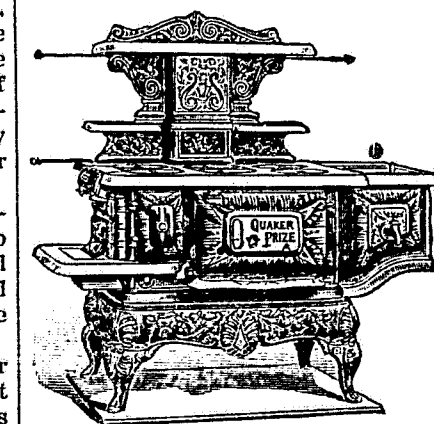
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Bryant Pond,	5.45	9.21
South Paris,	6.17	9.53
Portland,	8.10	11.30

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	P. M.	P. M.	A. M.
Portland,	6.00	1.30	8.10
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Bryant Pond,	8.35	4.15	10.23
Looke's Mills,	8.45	4.27	10.30
BETHEL,	9.00	4.38	10.39
West Bethel,	9.10	4.46	10.47
Gilead,	9.24	4.59	10.58
Gorham,	10.00	5.42	11.26
Island Pond,	12.20	8.00	1.18

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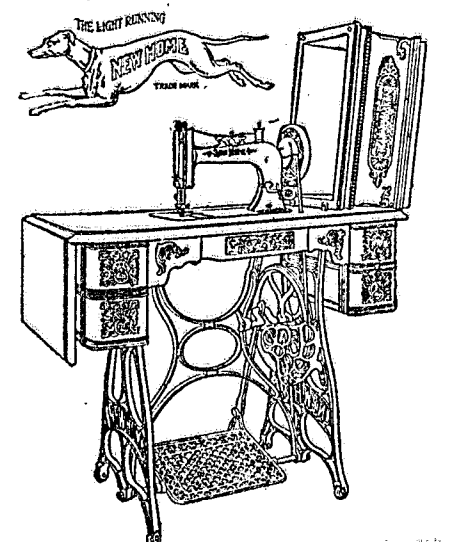
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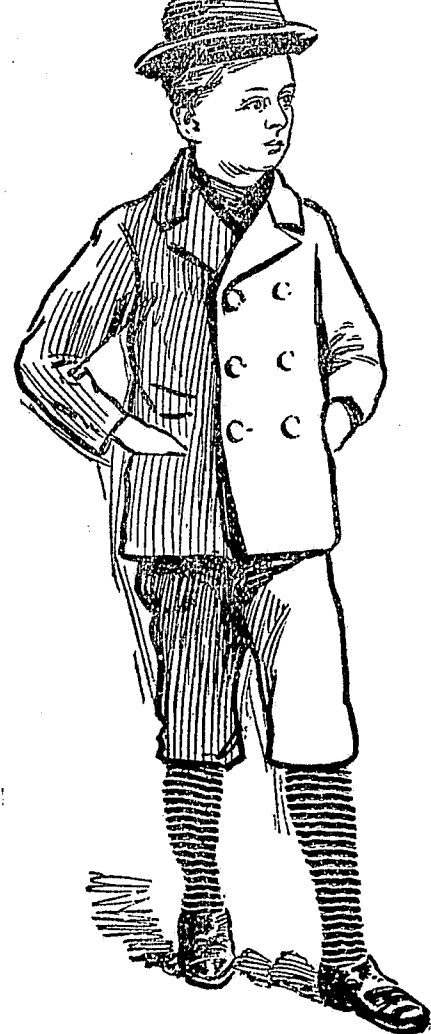
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JOHNNY REIFF.

achieved great popularity and became as conspicuous in England as "Tod" Sloane did when he first entered upon his career across the water. Attention from royalty did not turn the little lad's head, and he entered an English school. With a chance of returning to America and making plenty of money on the winter tracks, he has done more than other jockeys in preferring to cultivate his mind. When he left his home in Wichita, Kan., two years ago, rather against his own wishes and without having had the advantages of more than a few winters in the public school, he was as ignorant of the ways and tricks of jockeys as he was lacking in education. He went because his brother, Lester Reiff, who had already won fame and fortune on the race track, wanted him to make the same attempt. Being a born jockey, he soon became the equal of his brother. He weighs 65 pounds.

The Busy Beaver.

We have all of us at some time or other watched a water rat (which is not a rat at all, as a matter of fact, and does not belong to the rodent tribe) at work at the side of some lake or stream. Very like him in his mode of working is the beaver, and it is little short of marvelous how a colony of these creatures will change the whole



A COLONY OF BEAVERS.

aspect of a riverside wood in less than a month's time. They will gnaw down large trees, set them afloat and then ingeniously push and drag them across a stream which they may wish, for certain purposes of their own, to dam up. The habitations they construct out of branches of trees, gnawed to a uniform length, are very extraordinary. With such skill in using their teeth on the trees, it is hardly needful to say that they are terribly destructive neighbors in young plantations, and they are trapped without mercy. Their skins are of some value and are largely used by English manufacturers.—Chatter-box.

Mabel and the Fairy.

There was a frown on Mabel's fair forehead as she sat on the wide window sill, her geometry open before her. She had planned to go to school early that she might ask her teacher to help her with a problem. But the snow was falling fast, and she must wait until she could catch a ride. "Of course," she said petulantly, "I shall not be able to get there in time to ask professor's assistance, and I shall miss my lessons." "What troubles you,

dear?" asked the sweetest of little voices. Just outside the window pane stood a wee fairy. Mabel had read of fairies, but she had never seen one, and now she was so dazed that the fairy had to motion to her twice before she could make her raise the window. Mabel explained her difficulty, and the fairy, quietly saying, "Yes, dear, I have come to help you," began touching the refractory figures and letters with a tiny silver wand. Mabel looked on too fascinated to speak, for they at once began to take their proper places, and the hardest problem she had had lay worked out before her and proved. "Oh, I see it now," exclaimed Mabel. "And I thank—" "Say, Mabel, I'm going over to town, after all. If you want to ride as far as the schoolhouse, get your things on quick." The big brother shut the door as suddenly as he had opened it, and Mabel turned to complete her sentence of thanks to the fairy. The little visitor was gone, but on the window sill, just where she had stood, lay a wonderfully large pure white snowflake.—Anna Quick.

The Answer.

He sat on my knee at evening,
The boy who is "half past three,"
And the clear blue eyes from his sun browned face
Smiled happily up to me.
I held him close as the twilight fell
And called him "my dear little son,"
Then I said: "I have wondered for many days
Where it is that my baby's gone."

"I'd a baby once in a long white gown,
Whom I rocked just as I do you;
His hair was soft as yellow silk,
And his eyes were like violets blue;
His little hands were like pink tipped flowers;
See, yours are so strong and brown.
He has slipped away and is lost, I fear;
Do you know where my baby's gone?"

Did my voice half break as the thoughts would come
Of the sweet and sacred days
When motherhood's first joys were mine?
Was a shade of regret on my face?
For close round my neck crept a sturdy arm,
And the boy who is "half past three" said:
"The baby, he went to Boyland,
And—didn't you know? He's me!"
—Ida R. Smith in Christian Register.

Smart, but Slangy.

There is a bright little page at the capitol who is undergoing his first experience as a wage earner. He is as sharp as a brier and quick at retort. The other night at dinner his sister and his mother were jollying the little fellow about the disposition of his first month's wages. His sister said that on pay day she intended to stick to him closer than a brother. "No," said the mother; "on pay day you will see me walking down the avenue holding on to his arm." "Holding on to my leg, you mean," said the boy quick as a flash.—Washington Star.

Confident About Himself.

A father who was going away on business called his eldest little boy to him and said: "Johnny, while I'm away I want you to take great care of mother. I leave her in your charge." That night when Johnnie knelt at his mother's knee saying his evening prayer he said as usual: "Please, Lord, bless grandmamma and take care of her, bless father and take care of him, but you needn't trouble about mother, because I'm going to take care of her."

A Famous Clock.

The famous clock in the Palais de Justice in Paris dates from 1370 and is the work of the celebrated De Vick, whose turret clocks are the earliest on reliable record. The carved figures of Piety and Justice and the angels supporting the royal coat of arms were executed by Germaine Pilon. It is believed that it was the bell of this clock that rang the signal for the massacre of St. Bartholomew in 1572.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally, in doses from 10 drops to a tea-spoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circular and testimonials. Address, F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75 cents. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Doubting Up.

A poor man living in the western part of the United States once did a favor for a rich miner, and in return for this the miner asked him what he could do for him in return. "Well," said the man, "I would think it sufficient, if you will, beginning on the 1st of next July, give me a penny and then double that every following day to the end of the month." The miner, thinking this rather little, consented to the poor man's proposal. At the end of the month he found that he had to pay \$8,374,869.12 to the other.—William Dawson in New York Herald.

The Secret of It.

"Where does the clerk of the weather store
The days that are sunny and fair?"
"In your soul is a room with a shining door,
And all of those days are there."
"Where does the clerk of the weather keep
The days that are dreary and blue?"
"In a second room of your soul they sleep,
And you have the key of the two."
"And why are my days so often, I pray,
Filled full of clouds and gloom?"
"Because you forget, at the break of day,
And open the dreary room."
—Amos R. Wells in St. Nicholas.

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A very surprising thing may be done with ordinary ice. You may make a burning glass out of ice which will burn holes in paper and even start a fire in the woods. The only tool you will need will be a pocketknife, and with this it may be well to remember that no boy need freeze to death in the woods when the sun shines and there is plenty of ice around. He may make his fire as follows: Select the clearest ice you can find. In frozen ponds will often be found a little hillock of ice caused by an eddy in the water beneath. Knock off a piece of this clear ice and whittle it into the shape of a double convex lens.

You should have no trouble doing this, for ice can be cut very easily with a pocketknife. Perhaps it may be well to inform the uninitiated that a double convex lens is one which bulges on both sides—that is, it is shaped like figure 1. It gathers up the rays of sunlight and concentrates them against one spot, which is called the focus point. Ordinarily a lens is made of glass, but ice will perform the same feat if correctly shaped. First cut your ice into a flat piece a little thicker than and as round as a silver dollar. It might be well also to leave a long silver on one side of the circular piece to serve for a handle. When you have cut out your flat circular piece,



LIGHTING A FIRE WITH ICE.

scrape down the edges, gradually working toward the center until you have rounded off both sides. A little practice will enable you to do this evenly, although you may waste or break two or three pieces of ice in the effort.

As you go along with the work of scraping put the round piece, or lens, in your mouth every few minutes. The heat of the mouth will not only polish the lens, but it will smooth away those extremely fine ridges or knife marks which might otherwise interfere with the concentration of the light. When your lens is finished, it should look like figure 2. By holding it a proper distance from a piece of paper, say about an inch, it presently will set the paper on fire.

Santa Claus' Origin.

Santa Claus is of German origin. This is true if only because that is the Dutch name of St. Nicholas. That he is an old man is because in the ancient pagan feasts in celebration of the decay of the old year and the birth of the new an old man played the principal part. Among the Greeks and Romans it was Saturn, the father of all the gods, and among the Germans it was Thor, who was long bearded and white haired. The tradition of hoary age as appropriate for representation of the dying year was too strong to be driven away by the new figure of the Christ child, which was a feature of the early church observances. That the saint is St. Nicholas is due to the fact that that venerable personage's feast day was celebrated at about that period. St. Nicholas was a bishop of Myra, who flourished early in the fourth century. He is the patron saint of children and schoolboys, and hence it was natural that he should be a part of a celebration when the children received gifts and when they were allowed to be "heard as well as seen."

The practice of making presents on that day undoubtedly owes its origin to a general idea to carry into practice the Biblical mandate: "Peace on earth; good will to men." At first the great lords made presents to their retainers, and the season was marked by universal charity. By degrees the practice of Christmas giving spread until now everybody gives their friends presents.—New York Mail and Express.

A Kind Pony.

Tommy owned a very fine pony, which was very fond of him and would come from the paddock at the sound of his voice and follow him about like a dog.

One day the pony became lame and was kept in the stable. About this time a cat had a family of kittens on a ledge just above the pony's manger. She and the pony became great friends. One morning, while jumping up to her kittens, she rolled off the ledge into the manger, injuring her foot so that she could scarcely crawl along to obtain her food at the house. When she came back, she was unable to get up to her kittens, so she lay down at the pony's feet and mewed and looked up pitifully several times. At last the pony, seeming to understand what she wanted, reached down, took the cat gently in his teeth and lifted her up to the ledge to her kittens. This was repeated morning after morning. The cat would roll off into the manger, go and get her breakfast, come back and be lifted up to her family.

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Business Cards on page 6.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1900.

The Apple Situation.

Frank L. Barrett of West Sumner, agent for J. R. Libby of Portland, informed the Lewiston Journal correspondent that he has packed and shipped to Liverpool since the gathering of the apples last fall, 14,000 barrels of apples. He has found the apples in poor condition as they ripened too early and do not keep well. He says the market is overstocked and the apples not keeping well gives a bad future for apples in the European markets. He says there is in this country, ready for shipment, two million barrels of apples in cold storage and one million of barrels in common storage, also that apples are not bringing so good a price now as early in the fall.

Successful Dairying.

Henry Van Dresser of Cobleskill, N. Y., told his hearers at the meeting of the Maine board of agriculture that his cows average 300 pounds of butter per cow per year. Butter is made in one pound prints and sold in the New York market at 25 and 30 cents per pound. His cows are tested each month, and the Babcock test is the measure of quality in this herd.

Milk is perfect food. For the best development of the milk producing capacity the cow should have the best of care. The dairy cow is a machine. The dairyman should study his machine. While the enormous figures of over 1,100 pounds of butter in a year had been attained by a Holstein cow, breeding is yet in its infancy. Discount the cow with a fleshy udder. Such cows are more susceptible to garget.

Farmers pay too little attention to breeding. There are too many scrubs in the country. Scrub cows mean financial ruin. All cannot buy thoroughbred cows to start from, but all can weed out the poorest cows and breed from the best ones.

The thoroughbred bull was a necessity to success in breeding up to higher usefulness in the dairy. Always discard the scrub bull. Pedigree is all right as far as it goes, but individuality and performance are of more consequence.

Winter Butter Supply.

Expert observers of the course of the winter trade are of the opinion that the winter make will be materially curtailed, says The Breeder's Gazette. Certain it is that greater demands have been made at this season upon the cold storage stock of summer goods than for years past, and a general survey of the field develops the fact that in the states of greatest butter production conditions are such as warrant the conclusion that not even with favorable weather will the output be up to an average. Clearly the advance in prices of beef cattle has had its effect in discontinuing dairying operations on quite a number of farms, and creameries are greatly in need of a larger milk supply. At the present time the price of the best creameries shows an advance of 6 cents a pound over values current a year ago, and this fact ought to have some influence in stimulating milk production. But the trouble in many sections is a lack of cows, as they have gone to the butcher.

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Porter Swan is still night watch at Locke Mills for E. L. Tebbets.

Mr. Zenas Bartlett and wife of East Bethel passed through this place last Sunday afternoon.

The South Bethel Library Association will meet next Thursday afternoon and evening with Mrs. Frank Cummings. A good time is expected and all are invited.

Mrs. Kilborn and Mr. Lapham while passing over the ice in front of Eli Cushman's house last Thursday morning, met with an accident, which was caused by the horse breaking through the ice. The horse jumped and threw Mrs. Kilborn out, but she did not receive any injury.

Improving Dairy Herds.

The simplest method of improving dairy herds, as indeed any other class of live stock, is by the system known as "up grading," accompanied by rigorous selection, says Professor Thomas Shaw. The beginner may use such material as he has on the dam's side in laying the foundation of his dairy herd. In addition to it by purchase he may choose the commonest of cows, as long as they are of fair size and possessed of average dairy form. This will be again referred to. It matters not if they have in them the blood of a dozen herds. This want of dominance in any particular line of blood will only render them more susceptible to being quickly improved. But in choosing a sire the utmost care should be exercised. He should be chosen from the breed that is best adapted to the conditions of the dairyman, especially those conditions that relate to food production. He should be purely bred, as a guarantee of the transmission of the character sought, and he should be of good form and vigor as a guarantee of progeny. The first will secure the transmission of the dominant characters in the breed, the second will secure transmission of the dominant characters of the individual. And it is greatly important that the sires thus chosen shall be descended from animals that have been good performers in the dairy. The sire descended from a line of dams noted for generous milk production is likely to be far more valuable than the one not so descended. And it should not be forgotten that high performances at the pail in the near ancestry is far more important than the same in remote ancestry.

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Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever. 10c, 25c. If C. C. fail, druggists refund money.

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Lonsdale, 36 in., 11c
Berkley 70, 36 in., 15c
Berkley 150, 36 in., 17c
Imperial, 50 in. wide, 15c
Imperial, 6-4 or 5-4 in. wide, 18c
Imperial, 8-4 or 2 yds. wide, 22c
Atlantic, 8-4 or 2 yds. wide, 23c
Lockwood, 8-4 or 2 yds. wide, 20c
Salsbury (special), 9-4 or 2 1/4 yds. wide, 17c
Dwight, 9-4 or 2 1/4 yds. wide, 27c
Atlantic, 9-4 or 2 1/4 yds. wide, 25c
Lockwood, 9-4 or 2 1/4 yds. wide, 25c
Imperial, 9-4 or 2 1/4 yds. wide, 24c
Fruit of the Loom, 9-4 or 2 1/4 yds. wide, 25c
Wamsutta, 9-4 or 2 1/4 yds. wide, 40c
New Bedford, 9-4 or 2 1/4 yds. wide, 46c
Imperial, 10-4 or 2 1/2 yds. wide, 26c
Lockwood, 10-4 or 2 1/2 yds. wide, 24c
Danville (special), 10-4 or 2 1/2 yds. wide, 22c
Dwight, 10-4 or 2 1/2 yds. wide, 30c
Androscooggin, 10-4 or 2 1/2 yds. wide, 22c
Fruit of the Loom, 10-4 or 2 1/2 yds. wide, 28c

BROWN COTTON.
Lockwood, 36 in., 6c
Continental, 36 in., 7c
Cast Iron, 36 in., 8c
Lockwood, 40 in., 7c
Continental, 40 in., 8c
Cast Iron, 40 in., 9c
Lockwood, 6-4 or 5-4 in. wide, 15c
Atlantic, 7-4 or 1 1/4 yds. wide, 18c
Atlantic, 8-4 or 2 yds. wide, 20c
Lockwood, 8-4 or 2 yds. wide, 17c
Lockwood, 9-4 or 2 1/4 yds. wide, 20c
Pequot, 9-4 or 2 1/4 yds. wide, 22c
Atlantic, 9-4 or 2 1/4 yds. wide, 23c
Danville, 9-4 or 2 1/4 yds. wide, 18c
Imperial, 9-4 or 2 1/4 yds. wide, 20c
Lockwood, 10-4 or 2 1/2 yds. wide, 22c
Pequot, 10-4 or 2 1/2 yds. wide, 25c
Atlantic, 10-4 or 2 1/2 yds. wide, 25c
Imperial, 10-4 or 2 1/2 yds. wide, 25c
Androscooggin, 10-4 or 2 1/2 yds. wide, 20c
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Two cases of 36 in. bleached Cotton, good quality, regular 8c grade at 6c
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Pretty effects in Bicycle Suitings, thirty inches wide at 12 1-2c.

GINGHAMS.

One case of Seersucker Gingham, best wearing in the market, warranted fast colors, at 10c.

NORTH NEWRY.

Whooping-cough is still raging. Mrs. Harvey Fuller spent a few days in Bethel last week.

Leroy Vail, who has been working in Andover, spent Sunday with his parents Mr. and Mrs. David Vail.

Mrs. Priscilla Foster of Sunday River, and Mrs. Mary York of Bethel, are spending a few days with their brother's, I. P. and J. W. Kilgore.

There was a social at Mrs. H. F. Thurston's last Saturday evening. The principal feature of the evening was a peanut hunt, in which Miss Merrill received a gold pin for first prize and Ray Thurston the booby prize.

How to Make Oyster Chowder.

Fry together two ounces of salt pork and one onion, sliced. Parboil one pint of sliced potatoes five minutes and drain. Look over carefully one pint of oysters, pour over one-half cup of water and heat to the boiling point. Skim out the oysters and pour the liquor over the potatoes, add the onion and onion and cook the potatoes until tender, adding a little more water if necessary; add the oysters, one pint of milk and one-half cup of fine bread crumbs. Season with one teaspoon of salt and half teaspoon of pepper and pour into the serving dish.

How to Make Cabbage Fudding.

Chop fine one large head of cabbage, tie in a cloth and steam until done. To each quart of cabbage add two well beaten eggs, one-half cup of cream, two crackers powdered, a teaspoonful of salt and a saltspoonful of cayenne. Turn into a buttered dish and bake ten minutes.

How to Preserve the Teeth.

To prevent the teeth decaying unduly, brush well every morning, using a good tooth powder and having a little carbonate of soda in the water. After each meal rinse the mouth with tepid water in which a little carbonate of soda is dissolved, and before retiring at night brush the teeth again. If strong medicines have to be taken, have them made up in the form of pills if possible, as fumes of iron, acids and so on have a bad effect on the enamel of the teeth.

How to Clean Brass.

There are numerous patent pastes and liquids for cleaning brass, but not one of them gives better results than rotten stone and oil made into a paste. Apply with a cloth, allow it to remain on for a time—an hour, say—then rub vigorously.

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Slow growth of hair comes from lack of hair food. The hair has no life.

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It is starved. It keeps coming out, gets thinner and thinner, bald spots appear, then actual baldness.

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PROCESS BUTTER.

Test by Which Its Character May Be Discerned.

It is now possible to test chemically renovated butter and determine its character. It has been supposed previously that the constituents, being the same in both fresh and renovated butter, would act the same when chemically analyzed. But it appears that butter in deteriorating undergoes a physical change that the renovating process is not able to reverse. The fat of renovated butter has a more or less crystalline structure, while the fat of pure, fresh butter is devoid of any such appearance. If pure butter be examined microscopically with polarized light and selenite plate, the field will be uniformly colored in any position of the analyzer, while renovated butter will show a mottled, many colored field. Without a selenite plate and without the analyzer in proper position pure butter shows a dark field of almost uniform appearance. Renovated butter under similar conditions gives a dark field mottled with white patches. The peculiar appearance of renovated butter is due to the fact that the fat has been melted and in cooling has assumed a partially crystalline structure. The completeness with which crystallization from fusion occurs and the size of the crystals depend on the slowness with which the melted substance cools to its solidifying point. The slower this change of temperature takes place the more perfect will be the crystallization. In renovated butter, on account of the great rapidity with which the melted fat is solidified, we get only an incipient crystallization. If butter is melted and then allowed to cool slowly, large crystalline masses are formed, globular in shape and showing a distinct cross by polarized light.

There is no better medicine for the babies than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Its pleasant taste and prompt and effectual cures make it a favorite with mothers and small children. It quickly cures their coughs and colds, preventing pneumonia or other serious consequences. It also cures croup and has been used in tens of thousands of cases without a single failure so far as we have been able to learn. It not only cures croup, but when given as soon as the croupy cough appears, will prevent the attack. In cases of whooping cough it liquefies the tough mucus, making it easier to expectorate, and lessens the severity and frequency of the paroxysms of coughing, thus depriving that disease of all dangerous consequences.

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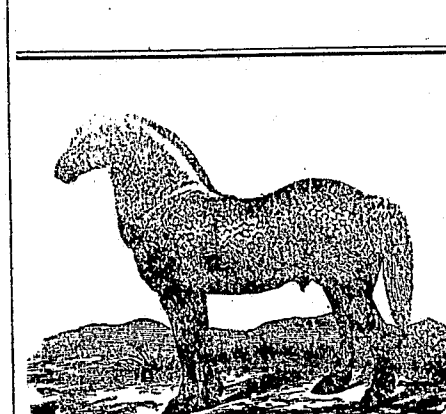
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NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice that she have been duly appointed administratrix with the will annexed of the estate of HENRY A. BRADEN, late of Andover, in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.
38 January 10th, 1900. Lizzie P. Braden.

Administrator's Sale.

Pursuant to a license from the Honorable Judge of Probate for the County of Oxford, I shall sell at Public Auction, on Saturday the tenth day of March A. D. 1900, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, on the premises, all the right, title and interest which Martha A. Connor, late of Norway, in said County, deceased, had in and to the following described real estate, viz: The piece or parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated on the west side of the road leading from and past the house of N. F. Brown in Bethel to the Grand Trunk Railway, near the Mills Brown place, so called, in said Bethel, said parcel being bounded northerly, westerly and southerly by land of said N. F. Brown and easterly by said road, and containing about one and one-fourth acres.
ISAAC S. MORRILL, Administrator.
January 30th, 1900. 3w36

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I have for sale one 12-horse-power boiler and 8-horse-power engine, also one engine lathe, eight-foot bed and 18-inch swing, one wood planer, six-inch drop, all in first-class condition, and will be sold at a bargain.
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—OF THE—

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HARTFORD, CONN.

On the 31st day of December, 1899, made to the State of Maine.

Incorporated 1819. Commenced Business 1819.
WM. B. CLARK, President. W. H. KING, Secretary.

Capital Paid up in Cash, \$4,000,000.

ASSETS, December 31, 1899.

Real Estate owned by the Company, unincumbered,.....	\$ 230,000.00
Loans on Bond and Mortgage (first liens).....	15,000.00
Stocks and Bonds owned by the Company, Market Value,.....	11,420,613.55
Cash in the Company's principal office and in bank,.....	1,100.00
Interest due and accrued,.....	705,916.24
Premiums in due course of collection,.....	635,455.53

Aggregate of all the admitted Assets of the Company at their actual value,..... \$13,019,411.20

LIABILITIES, December 31, 1899.

Net amount of Unpaid Losses and Claims,.....	\$ 411,633.33
Amount required to safely re-insure all outstanding risks,.....	3,278,854.83
All other demands against the Company, viz: Commissions, etc.,.....	171,307.98

Total Liabilities, except Capital Stock and Net Surplus,..... 3,861,796.13

Capital actually paid up in cash,..... 4,000,000.00

Surplus beyond Capital,..... 1,157,615.07

Aggregate amount of Liabilities, including Net Surplus, \$13,019,411.20

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CHURCH

METHODIST EPISCOPAL Rev. W. B. Eldridge, Prayer meeting, 10 service, 10:45 a. m.; Junior League, 3 p. m. 4:15 p. m.; Prayer Tuesday—Class me Friday—Prayer meet

UNIVERSALIST, CH F. E. Barton, Pastor. ing service, 10:45 a. m. 12 m.; Y. P. C. U., 7

CONGREGATIONAL, Arthur Varley, Pastor ing service, 10:45 a. m. 12 m.; Y. P. S. C. E., 7—Prayer meeting, 7:3

UNITED CHURCH, W ed by Rev. Arthur V. Barton. Sunday—3:30 p. m. Sunday school, 3:30 p. m.

LIBRA

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BETHEL LODGE, No. 1, E. Richardson, W. S. W.; H. C. Rowe, Chandler, Treas.; D. Meets second Thursd

Mr. ABRAHAM LODGE, A. G. Frost, N. C.; E. Chase, Mason, Rec. Sec. P. S.; S. I. French, T. urday evenings.

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BETHEL GRANGE, Howe, Master; J. S. Hu Lecturer; J. S. Hu Meets Saturday after weeks.

SUMMARY COLL., No. C. Billings, Gov.; E. S. Kilborn, Treas. M third Monday of each

BETHEL LODGE, No. —F. J. Tyler, C. S. John Yates, F. S.; H. Meets the second and in each month.

Brown Post, No. 84, dan, P. C.; A. M. True first and third Thurs at 7:30 p. m.

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Riverside Park As Wormell, Pres.; E. C.

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Ladies' Club, Congt Mrs. A. E. Herriek; V. bert Tuell; Sec., M. Mrs. F. B. Tu day afternoon.

Ladies' Circle, Uni A. Pratt, Pres.; Mrs. Pres.; Mrs. L. B. Ho E. C. Rowe, Treas. afternoon.

Ladies' Church Aid dist.—Mrs. H. C. And Cyrene Littlehale, Calvin Bisbee, Tre Morse, Sec.

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